

## Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program

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### OVERVIEW

The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program awards funds to a limited amount of juniors, seniors and graduate students in the CSU system. These funds are designed to enable current students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs in their chosen field of study. The goal is to increase the pool of potential faculty in the CSU system by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter a doctoral program at one of the University of California (UC) Institutions. Each applicant selected will be designated a Sally Casanova Scholar and will work closely with a CSUDH faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan which leads ultimately to enrollment in a doctoral program.

### *Supporting doctoral aspirations of CSU students*

#### PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

- The program provides a monetary award of **\$3,000** to be used for travel to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or attend a professional meeting. In addition, funds may also be used to support related activities such as professional organization memberships, journal subscriptions, graduate school application and test fees, and research materials
- A fully funded Summer Research Experience at a doctoral-granting institution to receive exposure to the world of research in your chosen field
- Research mentorship of a CSUDH faculty sponsor

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

**Applicants will be selected on the basis of three major criteria:**

- Potential for success in completing a doctoral program
- Probable effectiveness of student/faculty plan
- Level of economic and educational disadvantage

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must meet with the Campus Coordinator by **December 15, 2020**. Your application must be approved before submitting online.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have an interest in obtaining a research doctorate
- Applicants must be upper-division or master's degree students who are enrolled at a CSU institution as of Spring 2021 and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester of the 2021-2022 academic year
- Applicant must have a CSUDH faculty sponsor who will be available for the duration of the plan specified in the application
- Applicant must be either a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or a DACA recipient

#### **Not eligible:**

- International students
- Students interested in obtaining professional degrees (ex: law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, MBA)
- Current or previously awarded Pre-Doctoral Scholars. This is a one-time award.

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