

# Fletcher Jones Dissertation Year Fellowship

The Office of the President has allotted UCSD one (1) Fletcher Jones Fellowship for each academic year. The Fletcher Jones Fellowship Program, which is supported by gifts received from the Fletcher Jones Foundation of Los Angeles, offers one of the University's most prestigious and generously funded fellowships.

Fellowships will be awarded to students who are **economically disadvantaged as demonstrated through dependence on student loans or greater than 50% employment as a means to finance their education.**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. A U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
2. Must demonstrate financial need.
3. Candidate must have advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree at the time of nomination.
4. Candidate must be making satisfactory progress towards completing the dissertation such that a dissertation-year award will be sufficient for the candidate to complete all Ph.D. degree requirements during the award year.
5. Acceptance that the award precludes instructional employment in graduate academic titles for recipients during their tenure as Fletcher Jones Fellows (with the exception of the time period spanning the conclusion of Spring courses to the first day of Fall courses). Additionally, supplemental Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) or research fellow appointments will be considered by exception request provided the research supports the Fellow's dissertation work.
6. Eligibility for student support through the award period.
7. All disciplines offered by the General Campus are eligible, with the exception of Business Management. The disciplines offered in the Health Sciences are also eligible, with the exception of Medicine.

One (1) candidate will be selected for the Fletcher Jones Dissertation Fellowship. Each Award will include:

- \$31,000 stipend
- The full cost of resident tuition\*\* and fees **must also** be covered on the student's behalf. The student's degree-granting program is responsible for identifying the funding source and disbursing the tuition & fee payments.

*\*\*Students who have advanced to candidacy are usually within the UC non-resident supplemental tuition (NRST) waiver period. If a student has exceeded their waiver period, and are not eligible for extended coverage due to COVID-19, the student will be responsible for paying the NRST. The degree-granting department can elect to cover NRST on the student's behalf but is not obligated to do so.*

This fellowship is a terminal support award. Nominated candidates must be projected to finish during the twelve-month award period (July 1 through June 30). Convincing evidence that the nominee can complete all degree requirements by June 30 will be an important consideration in the selection process. Awards will be made by the Dean of the Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs before the end of Spring Quarter.

### **Nomination Materials**

All items are required for Fellowship consideration:

1. Brief autobiographical sketch by the student (half-page limit).
2. Two-page dissertation synopsis written in a non-technical format for a "lay audience." The synopsis must address the relevance of the student's research within the academic field. This should include the proposed dissertation title.
3. An academic timeline for completion of the dissertation with a projected date of completion.
4. Letter of support from the student's academic advisor addressing how the student meets the financial need requirement.