

October 27, 2020

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Re: Fletcher Jones Fellowship Competition for AY 2020-2021

The UC Office of the President has announced the Fletcher Jones Fellowship Program for 2020-2021. This highly prestigious award provides a doctoral student with a dissertation completion fellowship in the amount of approximately \$22,920 to be used as a stipend. Each campus may make one award, the recipient to be chosen by a committee constituted by the Graduate Dean. Students from all Ph.D. programs are eligible. Please note that this fellowship does not include tuition and fees. The awardee's School is expected to cover the cost of the awardee's tuition and fees for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year.

As this fellowship is intended to support doctoral degree completion, students demonstrating a clear plan and strong likelihood of filing their dissertation by the summer dissertation filing deadline at the end of the award year will be given the strongest consideration. Since this award will be disbursed during the Winter and Spring Quarter 2021, nominated students must not plan to graduate before the conclusion of Spring Quarter 2021.

Please note that as the awardee will not be permitted to serve as a Teaching Assistant while receiving this award. In the event the nominee is selected for this award, please plan accordingly and have a replacement to serve as a Teaching Assistant (if applicable).

Information on the Fletcher Jones Foundation can be found at <http://www.fletcherjonesfdn.org/>.

Each School may nominate one outstanding doctoral student who meets the following minimum criteria:

- Shows financial need
- Exhibits excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities
- Has a UCI GPA of 3.8 or better
- Has advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D.
- Is making satisfactory academic progress toward their degree
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Note: Students planning to file their dissertation in Spring or Summer 2021 will receive the strongest consideration.

Each School's package should be submitted by the School's Associate Dean and must include:

1. A completed, signed [UCI Fletcher Jones Fellowship Nomination Form](#)
2. A completed, signed [UCI Fletcher Jones Student Information Form](#) with the following items:
 - 100-word statement of financial need (note any gaps in support, dependents, etc.)
 - 100-word student profile
 - 500-word statement by the nominee describing their research project, progress to date, and plan for completion. Nominees should describe their research in terms that are accessible to a general audience since the reviewers may not be in their field.

3. A current CV
4. Letters of recommendation from the following:
 - The student's faculty advisor/mentor (this letter should address the student's financial need, interpersonal and leadership abilities, satisfactory academic progress, and expected date of degree completion)
 - The student's department chair or program advisor

The nomination package should be forwarded with the signature of the School or Program's Associate Dean to acknowledge that the School will cover the cost of tuition and fees during the 2019-2020 academic year if their nominee is selected. A letter of recommendation from the Associate Dean is not required.

If students have applied for and accepted Financial Aid loans or Work-Study awards and subsequently receive any fellowships, the additional support may affect their eligibility for need-based financial aid. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to determine if their eligibility will be affected. Students should also review the terms of any funding that they have accepted for AY 2020-2021 to ensure that they are eligible to receive additional fellowship funding.

The deadline for School nominations is 5pm on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Please send all materials as a single PDF file to [Turner Dahl](#). Should you have any questions, please contact Turner via [e-mail](#) or by phone at 949-824-0490. Graduate students interested in this opportunity should consult with their program's graduate affairs staff regarding internal deadlines.

Thank you for your interest in this prestigious fellowship program.

Best,

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