

UC Santa Cruz Campus Fellow Award

(CFA: Formerly Chancellor's Graduate Internship (CGI) Program): Academic Year + Summer (F, W, Sp, S 2020-21)

Overview

The UC Santa Cruz Campus Fellow Award aims to recognize outstanding graduate students with research and service projects that have the potential to positively impact UCSC and our community. The award also provides professional development and mentorship opportunities for graduate fellows through campus service.

The CFA provides twelve months of support (Fall, Winter, Spring 2020-21, including funding (at the typical 49.99% level), CA tuition, GSHIP, plus support at the 75% level in the Summer of 2021) for doctoral and MFA students to conduct proposed projects that advance university goals, such as:

- persistence, graduation, diversity, and placement opportunities;
- campus environmental and sustainability improvement;
- campus-community relations;
- entrepreneurship and innovation for social good;
- or other areas of UCSC-related community and public impact.

Projects should aim to have a significant positive impact on the campus, immediately or over the longer term.

Successful CFA recipients will commit to serve on a Chancellor's Graduate Advisory Board, and engage in a professional service component of their internship that may be related to their research or professional interests.

Academic year funding is approximately two-thirds central and one-third department-, division-, or PI- based, such as research, department, or division funds; summer funding is central. *TAships are not eligible as matching funds for the non-central share of this program.*

Doctoral or MFA students should work with a faculty advisor and research sponsor, who may or may not be a faculty member, to identify non-central funding and oversee the proposal and research project.

Projects should relate broadly to the student's research or professional goals. The proposal, including funding commitment, is due **Monday, August 10, 2020, at 5 PM.**

Decisions on funded projects will be expected by August 24, 2020.

- Each project must have a faculty mentor who may or may not be the student's PhD advisor.
- Each student will take part in a Spring quarter CFA lunch meeting to report progress and receive feedback.
- Each student is obligated to present CFA-related work in the Winter Quarter Grad Slam or the Spring Quarter Graduate Research Symposium.
- Each recipient is required to serve on a Graduate Advisory Board for the UCSC Chancellor's Office.

During the fall quarter, each student will partner with a campus office or program to develop a service project to be carried out in the winter/spring quarters related to the student's research or professional interests. The description of the service project, expected outcomes and a letter of support from the student's service mentor will be submitted to the Graduate Division no later than November 15.

Each student will produce a final report on their research and service projects, due **June 1, 2021**.

CFA recipients are also strongly encouraged, if space is available, to take part in the Graduate Leadership Certificate Program, for which applications are likely to be solicited in Fall 2020 and which will be conducted in Winter 2021.

Proposal Guidelines and Materials

Applicants must have been enrolled in Spring 2020 quarter to apply. Enrollment in the 2020-2021 academic year is required to receive this funding.

Please send the following materials as a single PDF to vpdgs@ucsc.edu :

1. Project title, 200-word abstract, your name, student ID, department, UCSC email and your project mentor's name.
2. A maximum five-page double-spaced, 12pt project narrative, outlining the goals, process, and timetable of the proposed project.
3. A CV or résumé (maximum 2 pages)

4. A letter of support from your advisor (alternatively, your program's faculty Graduate Director or Department Chair)
5. A letter of commitment of one quarter of funding from a PI, departmental, or other source of funding. See admissible funding sources above.

Funding

The CFA program provides 2 quarters of funding from the offices of the Chancellor and Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies. Students will receive CA resident fee remission, GSHIP, and academic year stipend. An additional 75%-level stipend for summer 2021 will be funded centrally.

One additional quarter of matching funding or GSR appointment is required from some other source, as well as a funding source for any additional expenses such as travel, laboratory supplies, or non-resident tuition. *TA funding will not be considered a match.*

The faculty mentor will need to assist the student in identifying sources for project sponsorship, such as department, division, research, or other funds.

To simplify administration, the department or mentor should plan to set up the GSR appointment with Academic Personnel in the Fall, using sponsor funds. The appointment can then be updated with the Graduate Division and Chancellor's office FOAPALs in winter, spring and summer.

The campus is planning to fund up to 5 CFA positions for 2020-21.