

# GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010 SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

The purpose of San Francisco State University's Graduate Equity Fellowship program is to increase diversity by supporting students with educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds and outstanding academic records in their efforts to complete master's and doctoral degrees. The fellowship is only available to students admitted to a SFSU master's or doctoral degree program. Credential-only and certificate students are not eligible.

Under the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program, awards of up to \$2,800 may be made to graduate students in master's degree programs, and up to \$4,500 for graduate students in doctoral programs at San Francisco State University for the 2009-2010 academic year.

### Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- have an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
- be newly admitted to or continuing in a SFSU master's or doctoral program by the effective date of the award;
- be considered a resident of the State of California for fee purposes;
- have maintained a GPA of at least 2.70 in all undergraduate work;
- have maintained a GPA of at least 3.25 in all graduate work;
- be eligible for financial aid, as determined by the SFSU Office of Student Financial Aid;
- enroll in and complete a minimum of eight units of course work applicable to the degree objective during each term of the award.

**Note:** you may submit your application prior to notification of admission to graduate school. If selected, your award will be contingent on your acceptance.

### How to Apply

- New students must submit the application for admission to the University and to the degree program by the published application deadline dates.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, and submit it to the Federal Processor. You can obtain a FAFSA form from the Student Financial Aid Office in the Student Services Building.
- **NOTE: Current recipients** must reapply and must resubmit the FAFSA form.
- Submit (in one packet):
  - the completed Graduate Equity Fellowship application, including the personal statement.
  - copies of transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). *Note:* continuing students who have previously received this fellowship must include a copy of their current transcript from SFSU, but do not need to provide transcripts of undergraduate course work reviewed in a previous application process.
  - two letters of recommendation.
- Your complete Fellowship application packet must be received (not postmarked) by May 1, 2009.

Mail or bring your application to:      Attn: Graduate Equity Fellowship  
Division of Graduate Studies, ADM 250  
San Francisco State University  
1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco CA 94132

**Students will be notified of their award status by mail during the month of July**

**GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**  
San Francisco State University

**Please review the attached guidelines prior to completing this application.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street)

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code)

Have you applied for admission to a graduate program at SFSU for the Fall 2009 semester?

Yes  No

If yes, which program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been admitted as a classified or conditionally classified graduate student?

Yes  No

Have you been enrolled as a graduate student in the current and/or previous semester(s)?

Yes  No

If yes, which semester(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

which program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been a Graduate Equity Fellowship recipient?

Yes  No

If yes, which semester / year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considered a California resident for fee purposes?

Yes  No (If No, you are not eligible for this fellowship.)

**1. Academic Record.** Attach copies of transcripts for all institutions attended (unless you are a previous Fellowship recipient – then attach only your most current SFSU transcript).

Institution	Dates Attended	Degree Earned	Date Earned

**2. References:**

List the two academic references who will be writing your recommendation letters (Name, title, address, and phone #.) **Attach the two letters of recommendation to this application.**

Reference Name	Reference Title	Reference Phone #

**3.** Describe your academic and personal background, achievements, awards, special talents, etc. and how they relate to the goals of the Graduate Equity Fellowship to increase diversity by encouraging students with educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue and complete masters’ and doctoral degrees. Also, describe your goals (e.g., academic, personal, professional, employment, etc.) and discuss how the award of a Graduate Equity Fellowship will assist you in accomplishing them. **Attach your 2-3 page statement (typed and double-spaced) to this application.**

My name and address may be given to doctoral institutions or sponsors of fellowship programs interested in admitting and supporting students like myself.

Yes       No

**Applicant’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Attached:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcripts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement