



**The GAP**  
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**December 2010**

**The Graduate and Research Affairs office will be closed Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our office is CLOSED DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.  
We will reopen Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**THESIS DEADLINES**

**December 17<sup>TH</sup> – Noon Deadline**

The noon deadline is for final clearance by Montezuma Publishing *assuring* fall 2010 graduation. NOTE: If you do not meet this deadline; you will need to reapply for spring 2011 graduation.

**December 30<sup>th</sup> – Noon Deadline**

This is the final day to submit thesis to Montezuma Publishing for review without having to enroll in Thesis 799B the following semester. You will still need to reapply for spring 2011 graduation if you did not meet the December 17<sup>th</sup> deadline listed above.

**OTHER DEADLINES**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

This is the final day for departments to report successful completion of comprehensive examination to the Graduate Division.

**Student Research Symposium (SRS)**

The SDSU Student Research Symposium (SRS) is scheduled for March 4-5, 2011 at Aztec Center. We expect over 400 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students will present their work over the two-day event. Please save the date and encourage students in your college to participate. SRS registration opens December 1, 2010.

**SRS Awards:** Twelve Provost's Awards (\$150) will be made to students presenting the most highly rated posters. From among those making oral presentations, two will be selected from each college to receive Dean's Awards (\$250). Students making the ten highest rated oral presentations overall will be recognized with President's Awards (\$500) and will compose the team that will represent SDSU at the annual California State University Student Research Competition.

## **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program** **Applications 2011-12**

<http://www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/>

### **The Chancellors Doctoral Incentive Program**

The purpose of this program is to increase the number of promising doctoral students who are interested in applying and competing for future instructional faculty positions at any one of our 23 CSU campuses. The program seeks to accomplish this goal by providing financial aid in the form of loans to doctoral students with the motivation, skills, and experience needed to teach the diverse student body of the CSU.

- Loans of up to \$10,000 per year & up to a total of \$30,000 within 5 years are available at a low interest rate
- If the recipient is hired at a CSU campus as a tenure track faculty member, for each year of service, 20% of their loan is forgiven
- This program requires a CSU faculty mentor sponsor for each student
- New or continuing students who will be in doctoral programs at accredited universities anywhere in the United States during the 2011-12 academic year may apply
- **Current SDSU faculty lecturers seeking a doctoral degree are also eligible to apply**

The deadline for SDSU applications is **March 7, 2011**.

All details of this loan program as well as an application request can be found at:

<http://www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/>

For more information regarding this program please contact [jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu)

## **Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program** **Application 2011-12**

<http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/index.shtml>

The **Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program** is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of potential university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are:

- Current upper division or graduate students in the CSU
- Economically and educationally disadvantaged
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Leaders of tomorrow

Graduate students interested in doctoral programs are given the opportunity to explore doctoral study with a cash award of \$2000 and \$1000 to the faculty mentor. This money can be used for travel expenses to prospective universities, conferences, taking the GRE, attending seminars, subscriptions to publications, etc. (award does not affect financial aid)

Students who receive this award are given the opportunity to participate in one of University of California's summer research internship programs or possibly one of their choices at another university during the summer of 2012. Funding for the summer research internship covers 8-10 weeks generally beginning in June and ending in August. The award amount is agreed upon between the institution and the Pre-Doctoral Program Office. Funding generally covers housing,

meals, transportation, and program participation costs that are deemed reasonable for the institution. A separate stipend is also awarded to the scholar, dependent upon available budget.

Applications are available [on-line](#) and must be submitted to the Graduate and Research Affairs office by **March, 2011**.

For more information regarding this program please contact [jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu)

## **Transfer Units**

### **Notice regarding Open University and Special Session Courses:**

Transfer units include any courses brought in from another institution, as well as courses taken by non-matriculated students through Open University and Special Session toward master's degree credit.

For most masters's degree programs, the maximum transferable course units is 9; including courses taken through the College of Extended Studies. **Courses taken through Open University and Special Sessions prior to matriculation will count towards the maximum transferable units allowed in a master's degree.**



The MyGAP program continues to generate tremendous interest from thousands of prospective graduate students. While many of our graduate programs are utilizing the *personalized auto-generated response letters* to communicate with future Aztecs, we know that a significant number are still **not taking advantage** of this simple, effective, and entirely free recruitment tool.

For more information on how to maximize the potential of MyGAP for your program, please contact Janet Rodgers at 4-5215 or [jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu)

## **GRA Petitions/Forms**

Due to new campus compliance regulations, the GRA office has made changes to all of our petitions and forms. During this process we made a few title changes as well. Please be sure to only utilize the forms you can access on the site below.

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/graforms.html>

## **Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education**

**The Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be held at the University of Southern California, Saturday, April 2nd, 2011.** The Forum is the largest minority-oriented graduate and professional school fair held in the United States. Approximately 1200-1400 hand picked students with GPA's no lower than 3.0 will be in attendance. There will be over 180 major universities recruiting from across the nation. *If you are interested in reserving a table for recruitment purposes,* please contact, Dr. Anastasios Chassiakos [achassk@csulb.edu](mailto:achassk@csulb.edu)

**Who attends the Forum?** The Forum is open to all college sophomores, juniors, seniors, and master's candidates but is designed particularly to serve the needs of first-generation, low – income, and other students from underserved populations. There is no charge for attendance, and the Forum provides free bus transportation and a free lunch. Attendance at the Forum is by invitation only. **Southern California UC/CSU/private universities** select their delegations of students on the basis of demonstrated promise of success in master's degree and doctoral-level work, primarily grade-point averages and faculty recommendations.

**SDSU will be inviting qualified students to attend this forum via an email invitation. If you have students you wish to attend and/or want more information, please contact Janet Rodgers [jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu)**

## **Establishing Residency for Fall 2011**

When establishing residency for tuition purposes, the eligibility criteria are established by State Law and the California Code of Regulations and are **not negotiable**.

Below are just a few of the criteria that must have been met prior to September, 20, 2010. For complete information regarding establishing residency, please go [Residency information](#).

### **Resident Classification**

To be eligible for resident classification, an adult applicant must be considered financially independent and have established and maintained permanent residence in California at least one year prior to the residence determination date (see determination details above). Residency determination of minor students and applicants is based on the residency status of their parents.

Part of Section 68044 in the CA Education Code regarding residency requirements states that a student shall be considered financially independent for purposes of this section if the applicant meets **all** of the following requirements:

- Has not and will not be claimed as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes by his or her parent in the calendar year the reclassification application is made and in any of the **three calendar years** prior to the reclassification application
- Has not and will not receive more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per year in financial assistance from his or her parent in the calendar year the reclassification application is made and in any of the **three calendar years** prior to the reclassification application
- Has not lived and will not live for more than six weeks in the home of his or her parent during the calendar year the reclassification application is made and in any of the **three calendar years** prior to the reclassification application

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