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**Graduate Equity Fellowship Program**

**Application Deadline September 22, 2008**

The Graduate Equity Fellowship is a California grant program administered by Graduate and Research Affairs. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$4,500 per year for up to four semesters.

**Qualification Guidelines**

- California resident
- Enrolled **fulltime** (minimum 9 units a semester) as a classified, conditionally classified, or certificate-program student
- Maintains a 3.00 GPA
- Economically disadvantaged – Need to show a minimum of \$1000 in financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Complete [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA)
- A brief essay

Applications for the Graduate Equity Fellowship are available from the Graduate and Research Office or on-line at: [http://gra.sdsu.edu/file\\_upload/GradEquityFlshpApp07.doc](http://gra.sdsu.edu/file_upload/GradEquityFlshpApp07.doc)

Student awards will be announced in October, 2008 for both incoming and continuing students. Students will be notified of their awards by the Scholarship office.

**Summer Graduation**

Please pass this information on to your students who wish to graduate in August 2008. **The last day to apply for summer graduation is Friday May 30th. Applications are available in the Graduate and Research Affairs office M-F 8-4:30 or online:** <http://gra.sdsu.edu/index.php?areaid=1&sectionid=51&subsectionid=13#Advanced>

## **Fall 2008 New Graduate Student Orientation**

The date for our fall graduate orientation is **Wednesday, August 27, 2008, from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.** Our orientation will include speakers from the Registrars Office, Student Health Services, Public Safety, Financial Aid, Career Services and the Graduate Student Board.

Please try to plan your department orientation on the same day immediately following ours. Contact Jill Baumgartner [jbaumgar@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jbaumgar@mail.sdsu.edu) with your time and location so that we can include this information on the orientation program.

GRA will be sending out invitations to all new fall graduate students in early August. Students may register for the orientation at <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/RegisterGrad.php>

There will be a Graduate Teaching Assistant workshop held at 2:00 p.m. that same day. Please advise your GTA's to attend this workshop. If you have suggestions for enriching the workshop or would like to participate, please contact Janet Rodgers at [jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu)

## **Update on Non-resident Tuition Waivers**

We thank the graduate advisors and assistants for following the NRTW Program Policies and Procedures during this busy time. Following these procedures helps our office organize your requests, which facilitates the allocation process.

**First Round:** We had 256 waivers to allocate for 2008/09. So far, 220 of them have been awarded to students who have accepted offers to come to SDSU. 21 waivers are outstanding, i.e. they were offered to students who have not yet decided whether to accept the offer, and 15 have been returned to us. Therefore, at this time, in the second round, we can re-allocate only these 15 waivers.

**Second Round:** We received nearly 60 requests second round waivers. While we wish we could cover all of those requests, as described above, we will only be able to fulfill 15. As with the first round, we used the priorities described in the NRTW Policy document to allocate these 15 waivers. Ann Van Buskirk has already contacted you if you received one of these waivers.

Those requests we could not fulfill at this time remain on our active list, and will be considered as soon as we determine the status of the 21 waivers that remain outstanding.

In closing, we thank those of you who provided us with input during this year's NRTW program. Based largely on your input, we are planning revisions to the process for next year that we anticipate will decrease complexity, while improving efficiency. The new web-based procedure will make it easier for you, reduce paperwork and improve accounting. We will be seeking further input from you on the process at the Fall Graduate Advisor's Retreat, and we plan to devote a significant portion of the Spring Graduate Advisors Mini-retreats to helping you with next year's NRTW program.

## **Thesis Deadlines**

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Theses will be accepted on an at-risk basis. By submitting your completed thesis for review to GRA at-risk you are not guaranteed that your thesis will be reviewed in time to be submitted to Montezuma Publishing by the deadline of noon on May 20, 2008.

### **May 20<sup>th</sup> - Noon Deadline**

For depositing thesis cleared by the Thesis Reviewer to Montezuma Publishing assuring Spring 2008 graduation. NOTE: If you do not meet this deadline, you will need to reapply for Summer 2008 graduation.

When submitting approved Doctoral Dissertations to the Graduate Division for Spring 2008 graduation, the Joint Universities' deadlines apply.

### **May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Noon Deadline**

Final day to submit thesis to the Graduate Division without having to enroll in thesis 799B the following semester. You will still need to apply for Summer 2008 graduation if you do not meet the May 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## **Other GRA Deadlines**

### **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Final day for submission of Incomplete and Report in Progress grade removals for graduation with an advanced degree. Grade changes can be confirmed via Web Portal.

### **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Final day for departments to report successful completion of comprehensive examination to the Graduate Division.

## **2008 CSU Student Research Competition**

The CSU Student Research Competition was held at CSU East Bay on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each school was allowed to send 10 students who presented their work in front of a jury. Each of our students gave a solid presentation, and this year, SDSU had three firsts and one second. The student winners and their advisors are below.

2nd (\$250) - Biological and Agricultural Sciences - Graduate  
Shady Amin (Ph.D. in Chemistry; Carl Carrano, advisor) - *The Role of Symbiotic Bacterial Siderophores in the Development of Primary Productivity in the Ocean*

1st (\$500) - Health, Nutrition and Clinical Sciences - Undergraduate & Graduate  
Kim Reina Failla (M.S. Nursing; Jaynelle Stichler, advisor) - *Nurse Managers' Leadership Styles and Nurse Job Satisfaction*

1st (\$500) - Physical Science and Mathematics - Graduate  
Rodrigo Negreinos (M.S. in Physics and Ph.D. in Computational Sciences; Fridolin Weber, advisor) - *Structure and Thermal Evolution of Neutron Stars*

1st (\$500) - Creative Arts and Design - Undergraduate & Graduate  
Lilyana Bekic (M.F.A. in Jewelry and Metals; Helen Shirk, advisor) - *Desire*

## **Graduate Housing**

**If you have students who are interested in graduate housing please send them the information listed below.**

**Contact: Donna Stout - (619) 594-4611 - [dstout@projects.sdsu.edu](mailto:dstout@projects.sdsu.edu)  
Office of Housing Administration - 5500 Campanile Dr - San Diego, CA 92182-1802**

## **Dr. Penny Wright Retiring**

In appreciation of Penny's invaluable contributions to our campus and our office, Graduate and Research Affairs will host a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 16 in Student Services East, room 1410. Faculty, staff and students are invited to celebrate Penny's outstanding career spanning over 4 decades.

A card will be available for all attendees to sign, and light refreshments will be served. If you wish to contribute to a gift for Penny or you are unable to attend but would like to sign the card, please contact Ann Van Buskirk at (619) 594-4163.