

## **California Pre-Doctoral (Sally Casanova)**

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<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/predoc>

The California State University (CSU) announces its California Pre-Doctoral Program for the 2025-26 academic year.

In 2025-26, the California Pre-Doctoral Program will award funds to approximately 84 juniors, seniors, and graduate students in the CSU. These funds are designed to enable these students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs in their chosen field of study. Awards are based on competitive review of student applications and given to current upper-division or graduate students who, in the judgment of the review panel, demonstrate academic excellence while having experienced economic or educational disadvantage, and who are committed to a career in teaching and research at the university level. All matriculated upper division and graduate students, with the exception of International students, are encouraged to apply.

### **Program Details:**

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. It does so by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) programs at one of the University of California campuses.

Each of the applicants selected will be designated a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will work closely with a CSU faculty mentor to develop an overall plan that leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The plan should be tailored to the specific goals and career objectives of the student.

In addition, the program provides:

1. Travel Funds for the student to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or to attend professional meetings appropriate to the student's development.
2. Development Funds for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations, subscriptions to academic journals, graduate school applications and test fees, GRE preparation, and the cost of minor research materials, for example.
3. A Summer Research Experience opportunity at a University of California campus or other U.S. major research university, fully funded by the Pre-Doctoral Program, so that the scholar can participate in doctoral-level research prior to applying to a Ph.D. program

### **Applying for Pre-Doc:**

- The following must be turned into Graduate Excellence and Engagement at [graddiversity@csus.edu](mailto:graddiversity@csus.edu) by **11:59 p.m.** on Sunday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>**, 2025.
  - A completed application (made available by the Chancellor's Office in December);
  - Three Essays;
  - Student Budget Plan;
  - Faculty Mentor Recommendation Letter;
  - and, Transcripts.
- Your application materials will be reviewed by the Graduate Diversity Awards Committee.
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- For more information on application materials and samples, please use the following link: <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/predoc/Pages/how-to-apply.aspx>