

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

Application Instructions

Office of Graduate Studies
California State University, Chico
Chico, CA 95929-0875

Before You Apply:

- ✓ Review the [GEFP Website](#) to make sure you meet all of the eligibility requirements.
- ✓ Make sure you have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to the Office of Financial Aid for the current academic year.
- ✓ If you are new to Chico, make sure all transcripts have been submitted to the University as a part of your admissions process. If there are any missing transcripts those must be submitted.

To Apply:

- ✓ Fill out the [Application](#)
To ensure data you enter is saved, download the application and open with Adobe Acrobat, fill out, and save. If, however, you must fill the application out using your browser (without downloading), be sure to select "Print" and choose "PDF" as your printer and then name the PDF. (If you simply select "Save" instead of "Print" after filling out the application, only the blank form – no data entered – is saved).
- ✓ Identify a faculty mentor that you would like to work with on a research project.
- ✓ Compose a personal Statement to go along with your application. This statement should discuss:
 - Your academic background, particularly the obstacles and challenges you have faced or overcome in the course of your educational journey.
 - What is special, unique, distinctive, or impressive about you and/or your life history?
 - Your specific research interests and goals or theoretical perspectives that interest you in your academic field. Be specific!
 - Why you think you will succeed in your graduate program and beyond. Describe your skills, talents, personal characteristics, and what you want to do after you graduate.
- ✓ Obtain 2-3 current letters of reference from instructors who can speak to your academic abilities and potential for research. You may wish to have one of your references address circumstances that have impacted your access to quality educational opportunities and how you have overcome those obstacles.
 - These letters may be emailed with your application or faculty may email letters directly to graduatestudies@csuchico.edu with the subject line "Attn GEFP Coordinator".

All application documents should be emailed to graduatestudies@csuchico.edu.

If you have any questions before submitting the application, please contact Dr. Matthew Thomas at: mothomas@csuchico.edu, or Sarah Lehner at: slehner@csuchico.edu