California State University Chico
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

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DATE: December 11, 2025

TO: College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Students

FROM: Kevin Click, Lecturer Faculty
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SUBJECT: **Call for Applications: Alumni-Student Educational Research Fellowship** AY 2025-26

Applications due January 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

It is my pleasure to announce the availability of Student Learning Fee funds earmarked to help support students presenting research at educational research conferences. It is an honor and a privilege to support students in this powerful, high-impact learning practice through the **Alumni-Student Educational Research Fellowship.**

For students who are interested in pursuing careers in research, conducting research, or working in evidence-based fields, the opportunity to attend or present at conferences, and network with researchers in their area of interest is a key part of their career development. the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (AERA) is an opportune setting to do this, as it is the largest annual gathering of educational researchers in the world. AERA is also a conference that is regularly attended by faculty and students across departments that are involved in educational training and research. This year, the AERA Annual Meeting is taking place in Los Angeles, April 8-12, 2026 along with several other conferences for researchers and practitioners involved in education.

This Fellowship aims to accomplish two things: 1) Host a reception providing light refreshments to facilitate networking between current Chico State students, and former students and educational scholars of Chico State who are also attending AERA; and 2) Provide funding to students to alleviate some of the cost of traveling to AERA.

1) ***To RSVP** to the **Chico State Student, Faculty, and Alumni Reception** use **this link** or contact Kevin Click with questions.

2) In conjunction with AERA, students also can attend related, independent conferences, meetings and sessions that take place every year at the same time and in the same city as AERA, like the *National Consortium for Instruction and Cognition's* annual meeting. Both AERA and smaller independent meetings can help broaden students' understanding of their field through attending rich and diverse presentations highlighting cutting-edge research and methodologies, and provide valuable opportunities for student researchers to present their own research projects.

   All students in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences who are applying to present research at AERA or a related conference taking place at the same time and in the same city as AERA are invited to apply for travel funding to support attending the conference. Travel funds of $500 will be awarded to each of (up to) six graduate or undergraduate students.

   For applications including future travel this AY, please note domestic Travel Request Approval forms must be submitted 21 days prior to the domestic travel date and at least 45 days prior for international travel. Please use and refer to the Chico State Enterprises website for travel policy and forms. Travel

Requests not adhering to campus travel policies will not be approved**. Only one application per student is accepted**. For policy and procedures for travel processes, please contact your department ASC.

Due to financial aid rules, students **are required** to provide evidence that they are participating in one of the following activities to be eligible for this funding: delivery of a research paper, poster presentation, or service as a session chair, moderator, discussant, or facilitator. This evidence can come after the travel funds are awarded, but must come **before the travel funds are dispensed**. Students should be able to clearly identify their role, and the conference where they are performing that role.

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***To apply** for travel funds from the **Alumni-Student Educational Research Fellowship**, students should use **this link** and contact Kevin Click with questions.

Awards will be announced in early March.