

Name:

Student ID:

2024-2025 GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP Application Checklist and Form

Graduate Equity Fellowship program seeks to encourage and assist a diverse group of economically disadvantaged students in the pursuit and completion of their master's degree programs. It acknowledges students who have success in overcoming financial barriers to their education, and helps them to complete their program more quickly by minimizing their debt burden. It further seeks to promote opportunities for faculty to mentor students. Awards of \$4,000 per student for the 2024-2025 academic year will be granted based on funding received from the CSU Chancellor's Office for the most qualified candidates.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: See [Application Guidelines](#) for detailed information on each item.

Printout of the FAFSA/SAR or CADAA form. Complete this two-page application **ONLY** if it has been determined you are eligible to receive financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and, as determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, have a financial need of at least \$1,000.

Transcripts (official or unofficial)

All undergraduate and graduate coursework.

Personal Statement

A 500-word typed essay following the prompt assigned on the application.

Two Letters of Recommendation

Submit letters of recommendation from two SJSU faculty members. One is from your **faculty mentor** who identifies himself or herself as such in the body of the letter.

Letters may be emailed to the College of Graduate Studies as outlined in the submission requirements

Advancement to Graduate Candidacy (filed) or Graduate Equity Fellowship Graduation Plan approved by your faculty mentor or graduate advisor. List **ALL** courses you have taken in your program to date, those you plan to take during the 2023-2024 academic year, and any other classes you plan to take beyond the scholarship year.

Complete application packets must emailed to the College of Graduate Studies (graduate-scholarships@sjsu.edu) no later than June 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm. See eligibility requirements here and submission requirements in the Application Guidelines.

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SECTION I:

Yes No

Are you eligible for Financial Aid?

Yes No

Are you a resident of the State of California for tuition purposes?

Last Name:

First Name:

SJSU Student ID:

Email:

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Undergraduate College:

Undergraduate Major:

Date/Term of Graduate Admission:

Graduate Major:

Graduate GPA:

Total graduate units to be completed as of the end of Spring 2024:

Anticipated date of graduation for Master's Degree (Month/Year):

Graduate Advisor Name:

Name and Signature of Mentor (*this signature verifies that the applicant is in good academic standing, and you are willing to act as a mentor for the 2021-2022 academic year.*) Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Name

Signature

SECTION II:

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please write a short essay (typed 500-word, double-spaced, single-sided) addressing (1) elements of your educational or personal experience that have contributed to your interest in pursuing graduate study and to your motivation and determination to succeed in it;

(2) challenges you have surmounted in the course of your education;

(3) your career objectives and the abilities and skills you possess that will enhance your chances of success. (Attach separate sheet or sheets of paper.)

Note: The quality of this statement is important. Content, grammar, and writing quality will be considered as part of the evaluation process.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES:

Note: You may submit a resume or CV in lieu of completing the sections below

Extracurricular Activities (service to college or community)

Special Recognition (offices held, organizational memberships, etc.)

Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

Work or volunteer experience related to your career objectives

I hereby consent to the release of information to verify any data on this application. I understand any inaccurate information submitted on the application may result in my disqualification from the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program. I authorize SJSU to release transcripts, letters of recommendation, application, and accompanying documents and to publicize my award should I be a recipient. Note: Signature may be wet or through Adobe Signature.

Signature of Applicant

Date