The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of potential university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are:

• current upper division or graduate students in the CSU
• economically and educationally disadvantaged
• U.S. citizens or permanent residents
• leaders of tomorrow

Join the prestigious ranks of the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars

My Pre-Doc year is officially over, but the benefits will last a lifetime.”

“The time I spent as a Summer Research Intern was invaluable for learning first-hand what it takes to get into the top programs.”

“This (summer research) internship was an invaluable experience. I was able to hone my research skills... Above all, I gained the confidence necessary to initiate and undertake successful academic research in the future.”

“I was able to visit graduate programs and attend admission interviews, allowing me to make very informed decisions on which program would best suit my needs and goals. The financial support (also) allowed me to attend professional conferences and get a feel for what it means to be a professional within my field.”

Your interest and participation are the keys to success!

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Please contact your campus graduate studies office or the coordinator’s office for the name and address of your campus advisor, or visit

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The Keys to Success in the California Pre-Doctoral Program

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars are exposed to unique opportunities to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs. These opportunities may include:

- One-on-one work with faculty members at the CSU and doctoral-granting institutions
- Funded summer research internship programs in chosen field
- Visits to doctoral-granting institutions
- Travel to national symposia or professional meetings
- Membership in professional organizations
- Journal subscriptions
- Graduate school application and test fees

CSU faculty members are an integral component of the program. They have the opportunity to:

- Identify and sponsor promising upper division or graduate students
- Guide/advise candidates through the program
- Identify appropriate journal subscriptions, national symposia, and professional meetings
- Accompany students to UC and other doctoral-granting campuses for site visits as well as to national symposia or professional meetings
- Personally acquaint students with information about academic careers

UC faculty members in doctoral-granting programs also are a vital link. Their role is to:

- Meet diverse and promising students who may be interested in doctoral work at their institutions
- Mentor students through crucial decision-making times which may then lead to the pursuit of a doctoral degree
- Provide a summer research internship experience in students’ areas of interest
- Expose students to research processes with as much hands-on involvement as possible
- Assess students’ readiness and ability to pursue a doctoral degree successfully