

MAJOR REASONS CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ARE REJECTED
Provided by the CSU Chancellor's Office

- Long, rambling essays that are usually off topic
- Essays don't demonstrate necessary experience in areas of research, community service, diversity, interest in teaching , etc.
- Research interests are described too generally or not described at all.
- Applicants' education and experience do not match the discipline they want to pursue in doctoral studies.
- Poor writing skills (i. e. grammar, syntax, spelling errors, etc.)
- Applications are incomplete and may be missing statements, faculty signatures, faculty recommendation letters, transcripts, budget, etc.
- Low GPAs that are not explained by faculty mentor.
- Activity plan and budget don't correlate; budget exceeds \$3,000; inappropriate activities/expenditures such as international travel or purchase of major computer hardware components.
- Applicants do not meet qualifications to apply (must be junior, senior, master's degree student at time of application and award).
- Overkill on the 'poor me' syndrome.