

Graduate Equity Fellowship Application

This program seeks to encourage and assist 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. The program also promotes opportunities for faculty mentoring. We seek a diverse group of applicants.

Graduate Equity Fellowship awards are \$4,000 per year to graduate students enrolled at SJSU for a Fall and Spring academic year. Students must be enrolled in both academic terms and complete a minimum of 6 units in each. Awards are paid one-half in the Fall and one-half in the Spring. These 12 units must appear on the master's candidacy form. Coursework used to complete program prerequisites will not fulfill this enrollment requirement. Credential students are not eligible.

Note: Students should submit paperwork directly to the College of Graduate Studies. Students should read [eligibility requirements](#), and must be considered a resident of the State of California for tuition purposes.

Your Name (First, Last):

Advisor/Mentor Name (First, Last):

Student ID:

Email (must use SJSU email address):

Phone:

College AND Department:

Required Documents:

1. Completed application
2. All undergraduate and graduate transcripts
3. Personal statement (500 words or less)
4. Resume or CV
5. Current FAFSA or CADAA Student Aid Index (SAI) that includes the year of application and the following year. Example: Spring 2025 submissions must have 2025-2026 SAI, etc.
6. Filed Application for Candidacy or Graduate Equity Graduation Plan, approved by your advisor, outlining completed and planned graduate courses
7. Two letters of recommendation:
 - One from your advisor/mentor
 - One from a faculty member or professional reference

Personal Statement Prompt: Please write a brief essay (500 words or less) addressing:

- Your motivation for pursuing graduate study.
- Challenges you've overcome in your education.
- Your career goals and the skills you possess that will help you succeed.

Submission Instructions:

- Combine all documents into one PDF in the order listed above.
- Email to graduate-scholarships@sjsu.edu with the subject line: Graduate Equity Fellowship.
- Letters of recommendation can be sent separately to the same email address.

Consent: By submitting this application, you consent to the release of information for eligibility verification. **Please sign and date below.**

Signature

Date Signed