



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND PACIFIC STUDIES

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Dear Admitted Student,

Congratulations on your admission to the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. By now you should have received official email notice of your admission from the UCSD Office of Graduate Studies.¹

Fellowship Applications:

IR/PS offers merit-based fellowships that typically reach about 25% of the incoming class. Approximately \$1.3 million will be awarded to your class for your two years of study.

The process to apply for a fellowship is quite simple and unless you are already fully sponsored by an organization that will be funding your education, you are eligible to apply for merit fellowships. The short application form is online for your convenience (link provided below).²

How to apply:

1. Consider your own financial situation and determine how much you expect to contribute toward your graduate education (from savings, loans, etc.). Determine a specific amount.
2. Visit the IR/PS tuition cost calculator to determine the estimated tuition and fees at IR/PS for the entire two years.³ Keep in mind, this amount could be partially offset if you obtain a paid summer internship or on-campus employment.
 - a. <http://irps.ucsd.edu/admissions/tuition--financial-aid/tuition-calculator.php>
 - b. Cost of living is estimated at \$700 - \$1,500 per month, depending on your lifestyle, living, and transportation preferences.
 - c. Merit fellowships currently do not cover costs associated with the IR/PS Prep Program.
3. Consider your available resources and total estimated costs to determine a specific amount of fellowship support for which you will apply (in US \$). This should be a two-year total.
4. Write a short paragraph about “why this amount is important to your ability to attend IR/PS.”
5. Write an additional paragraph about “How will receiving an aid award influence your choice to attend IR/PS over other schools you may be considering.”
6. Submit these short paragraphs online with some additional information using the link below:
 - a. <http://tinyURL.com/3812sd>

¹ If you have not received this email, please contact IR/PS Admissions at irps-admit@ucsd.edu and we will investigate the matter.

² Need based aid for US citizens and Permanent Residents (“Green Card” holders) is based on information submitted with the FAFSA form. The FAFSA deadline is March 2nd and all eligible students are encouraged to submit the application online at www.FAFSA.org. UCSD school code is 001317.

³ US Citizens, Permanent Residents (“Green Card” holders), and those with an H4 visa are encouraged and normally expected to apply for California residency for tuition purposes before their second year.

What happens next?

The admissions and scholarship committee will review all applications and begin offering awards. All candidates that submit all required information will be considered.

When does it happen?

Awards will be made in many rounds until all available funds have been fully allocated. The first round will be made in late March. In 2007, the Fellowship Committee offered several rounds of awards. The last of these was in early May.

How to Accept a Fellowship Offer:

Fellowship offers will be made by paper letter.⁴ Offers will be accompanied by a Fellowship Acceptance Form that must be signed and returned to the Admissions Office. All offers will have an expiration date and once that deadline passes, the offer is rescinded and funds will be made available to other candidates. It is important that you accept offers quickly to avoid the risk of losing a fellowship due to oversight. Each round of offers will have a unique expiration date.

IR/PS, like nearly all APSIA schools, is a signatory to the Council of Graduate Schools' Resolution regarding the awarding of fellowships⁵. The resolution states that student acceptance of fellowships after April 15th "commits the student not to accept another offer without obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made." This is interpreted as a binding agreement. Additionally, it violates the spirit of this agreement for schools to ask admitted students to commit to fellowship offers before April 15th.

As fellowship awards are limited and competitive, this application process does not automatically guarantee an award. All completed fellowship applications will be evaluated and applicants will be notified of the results. The admissions and scholarship committees look forward to evaluating your application for merit-based fellowships.

Sincerely,
Daniel Chatham



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⁴ If you have moved since submitting the online application, please update it within the Graduate Application system (<http://graduateapp.ucsd.edu/>) and by emailing IR/PS the current address and when it will no longer be in effect (irps-apply@ucsd.edu).

⁵ Council of Graduate Schools resolution is available online for your reference: <http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/CGSResolutionJune2005.pdf>