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The Continuing Students Award Application

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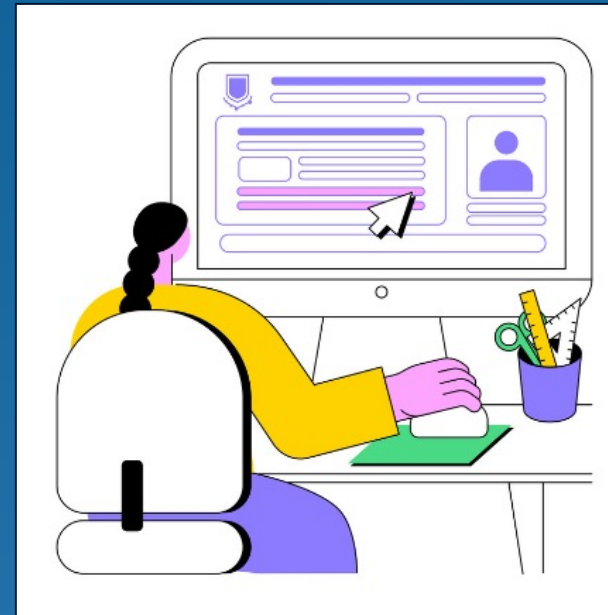
Slate Application

Continuing student awards and activations are available in one application on Slate.

Awards for Eligible Doctoral Students
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM)
- Graduate Research Mentorship (GRM)

Awards for Eligible Master's and Doctoral Students
- Privately Endowed Awards (PE)

Award Activations
- Graduate Dean's Scholar Award Summer 1 and 2 Activation (GDSA)
- Cota Robles 2 Activation (CR2)

Note: Submissions are final. Do not submit the application until you complete all sections for the awards you'd like to apply for/activate.

How to access the portal

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To get to the portal site:

1) Use link: https://apply.grad.ucla.edu/portal/fell_app
2) Google "UCLA continuing student application" → first link → scroll to bottom and click "award application"

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→ Login using UCLA Single Sign-On

If you receive a 'forbidden account not authorized' error message using UCLA Single Sign-On, please create a new Slate account and log in using using your Slate account.

If you are new to Slate, please create an account here.   Slate accounts, please log in here.

If you cannot sign in with the UCLA single sign-on or run into any issues, you can create a new account here.

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Complete one application, select the awards you would like to apply for, and submit all requirements by *February 13, 2026 at 4pm PST*.

Important:
Ensure that you check this box for each award selection

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Instructions

If you're applying for admissions do not complete this application. Complete the award application section in the admissions application.

Before you begin, please read the following instructions for applying for continuing student awards. Be sure to complete each section in order as the application is dynamic.

To apply, students must choose the awards they are interested in, complete all necessary application requirements in the appropriate sections, conduct a final review of their materials and submit the application. *An application cannot be modified once it is submitted.*

Doctoral Awards:

- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award (GSRM)
- Graduate Research Mentorship Award (GRM)

Doctoral and Master-level Awards:

- Privately Endowed Awards (PE)

This application also allows awardees to activate the following awards:

- Graduate Dean's Scholar Award Summer Activation (GDSA)
- Cota-Robles Awardee Activating CR2

Select which awards you are interested in before requesting a letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation is dynamic and your recommender will answer specific questions based on which award programs you apply to.

Awards are not automatically renewable. Students must apply yearly, as applicable. Please review the **Graduate Student Financial Support** booklet for eligibility requirements, deadlines, application submission guidelines, and additional funding options. If you are a US citizen or legal permanent resident, we urge you complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Please contact **UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships** for more information about federal and need-based aid. If you are an undocumented student, we urge you to complete the **California DREAM Act application**.

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Graduate Research Mentorship Award
Several awards of $30,000 each plus standard tuition and fees (excluding nonresident supplemental tuition) are offered to doctoral students in the arts, humanities, social sciences, public health, nursing and certain areas of the Institute of the Environment & Sustainability who are in year one, two or three of UCLA doctoral study at the time of application. It is also designed to assist students in acquiring and developing advanced research skills under faculty mentorship. Applicants must be enrolled in 12 units throughout the term of the award and must also maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

☑ I want to apply for the Graduate Research Mentorship Award

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This application is dynamic – sections will change based on the selections.

- Complete the application **in order**, selecting awards in the order they appear on the application. Selections will alter later portions of the application.

- Certain portions of the application make up the general information, while award sections will prompt students to fill out certain information and upload specific documents pertaining to that award. **Read the application portal closely**.

- Make sure to fill out the sections for each and every award. The application portal allows for **one submission only**, so be sure to include all awards that you wish to apply for.

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Slate Application: Required Sections and Documents

- **All awards require the following**: Basic Information, Citizenship & UID, Major & GPA, Unofficial Transcript, Resume/CV, Letter of Recommendation, Applicant Agreements. (The Review tab will notify you of any errors).

- If you are a first-year student, you must also upload unofficial copies of your undergraduate transcript.
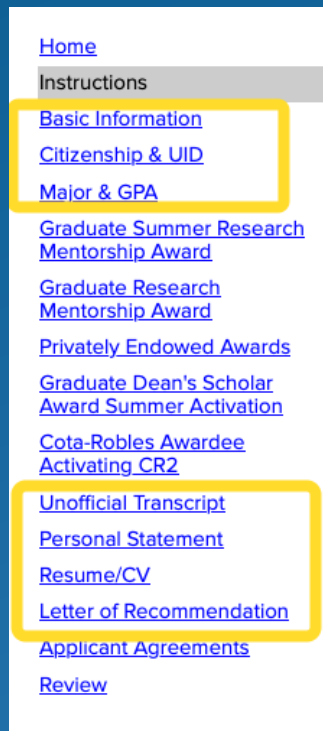
- One letter of recommendation is required for most awards.

- If you are applying for the GSRM and GRM (**and working with two different mentors**), you can also submit **two letters**.

- **Use the textbox** to communicate which awards you would like your recommenders to address in their letters.

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Slate Application: Application Documents

- **GRM and GSRM** will require **research proposals** that must be uploaded in the application section.

- The **Privately Endowed Awards** will require **eligibility materials** that vary based on the award.

- The **Privately Endowed awards** require a **Personal Statement**.

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Slate Application: Letters of Recommendation

Enter your faculty information in the Letter of Recommendation section.

- When applying to the GRM and GSRM, you **must first select the GRM and GSRM in the section** and enter their faculty mentor's information.

- Letters of Recommendation can be used for all award opportunities – **use the textbox** to inform the faculty of the awards they should address in their letters.

Slate Application: Letters of Recommendation

You can send reminders to their faculty recommenders using Slate. They can also swap recommenders if needed.

Letter of Recommendation

Please complete all prior sections before requesting a letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation is dynamic and your recommender will answer specific questions based on which award programs you apply to.

Cota-Robles awardees activating CR2 and Graduate Dean's Scholar awardees activating summer support do not require letters of recommendation. You can skip this section.

Applicants to the Privately Endowed Awards, Graduate Research Mentorship Award, and Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award require ONE letter of recommendation. Please note your recommender will be submitting a recommendation for all the awards you have selected.

Note: Applicants applying simultaneously for both the Graduate Research Mentorship and Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Awards may request TWO letters of recommendation if they have different mentors for each. Your recommenders will be asked which program they are mentoring you for and will answer specific questions regarding it. When you request your recommendation, you'll have the option to include a message to the recommender. It's recommended you remind them which program they agreed to be your mentor for.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students have access to their education record, including letters of recommendation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of evaluation, in which case the letters will be held in confidence.

Submit your application by the deadline even if your recommenders have not yet provided their letters. Their letters will match to your submitted application.

After submitting your application you'll be able to log into the application status page. On the page you can check if your recommender has completed the letter of recommendation, send a reminder message, or change the recommender if a letter has not been submitted.

Name	Status	
Flannigan, Brenda	In progress as of December 4	Edit
Jones, Jr., Henry	Sent to recommender on December 4	Edit

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Edit Recommender   Prev Next ✕

Type	Fellowship Recommendation
Prefix	Dr.
First Name	Brenda
Last Name	Flannigan
Organization	UCLA
Position/Title	Professor
Telephone	+1 310-786-3433
Email	
Personal message to recommender	Hello Dr. Flannigan, Thank you for agreeing to serve as my GRSM Mentor! As discussed, my research will involve XYZ. I am also applying for the Mangasarian award because my researches in Armenian Studies. Could you also reference this award in your letter?
Status	**In progress** as of **12/4**

Your name will be displayed to recommender as:
Ross Testrecord

Do you wish to waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation? *

[X] I waive my right to access this report.
[   ] I do not waive my right to access this report.

Signed by: Ross Testrecord

Send Reminder   Exclude   Cancel

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Slate Application: Review and Submit!

Once you sign off in the "Applicant Agreement" section, you can click on "Review" to submit your application. If you are missing information (eligibility documents, sections of the application, apply to two awards that are not compatible), you will receive an **error notification**.

Slate Application: Status Page

Once you submit, you see this status page and receive an email confirmation.

The email confirmation contains a link for you to revisit your application and check on the status of your letters of recommendation.

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2026-2027 Application Status for Ross Testrecord

University ID Number (UID): **203232930**

If you need to contact us regarding your application, please provide your name, UID and this reference number: **736081128**

Recommendations Checklist

Status	Details	Date
❌ Waiting	Recommendation from Brenda Flannigan, UCLA Sent to recommender on 12/4/2025	
❌ Awaiting	Recommendation from Henry Jones, Jr., Hunter College Sent to recommender on 12/4/2025	

To re-send notification emails to your recommenders, re-visit the **recommendations page**, click "Edit", and then click "Send Reminder".

If you need to exclude a requested recommendation, be certain to add a new recommender prior to exiting the application.

Application Proof

This is a proof of your application and is for your records only. Do not send this proof by mail as your application.

Preview Application Proof

Decision Status

You applied for the following:

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award

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Award Timeframe

Continuing Student Awards	Application Portal	Date Available	Student Application Deadline	Nominations Close	Recipients Announced
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM); students self-nominate	Awards Application - Slate	November 17, 2025	February 13, 2026, 4pm PST	N/A	April 6, 2026
Graduate Research Mentorship (GRM)	Awards Application - Slate	November 17, 2025	February 13, 2026, 4pm PST	March 13, 2026	April 27, 2026
Privately Endowed Awards (for continuing students)	Awards Application - Slate	November 17, 2025	February 13, 2026, 4pm PST	March 13, 2026	Beginning in early-May

Once the application deadline has passed, departments will have different nomination deadlines for each award.

Award Activation Timeframe

Students will request activation of their awards early. Department Nominations close in May and June.

Award Activations (recipients of multi-year awards requiring activation)	Application Portal	Date Available	Student Application Deadline	Nominations Close	Recipients Announced
Cota-Robles 2 Activation (formerly Cota-Robles GRM)	Awards Application - Slate	November 17, 2025	February 13, 2026, 4pm PST	June 5, 2026	July 6, 2026
Graduate Dean's Scholar Award (GDSA) Summer Activation	Awards Application - Slate	November 17, 2025	February 13, 2026, 4pm PST	May 1, 2026	June 1, 2026

The Review Process

- Continuing student awards are competitive and reviewed in accordance with a merit-based process.

- Please ensure you have read the relevant portion(s) of the Graduate Student Financial Support Manual. This contains all eligibility rules, application procedures, and policy for award stewardship.

- Consider consulting with the Graduate Writing Center on application materials.

- Consult with your faculty advisor/mentor on your degree path and expectations, as well as your student affairs officer.
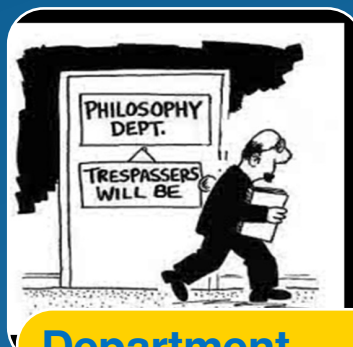
1. Drafting Stage
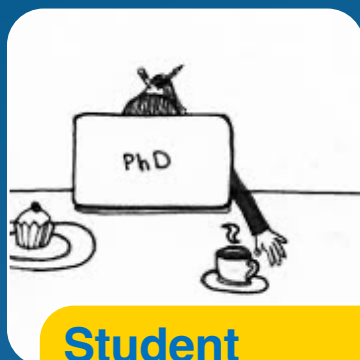
2. Vetting Stage

Student
- **Draft, complete, and submit final application**
- **Verify eligibility**
- **Verify documents**
- **Meet the deadline**
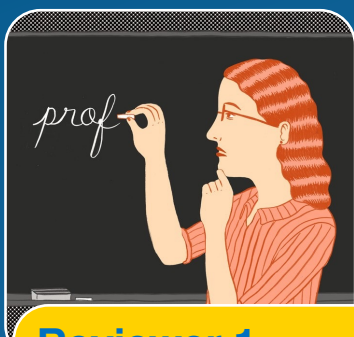

Department
- **Receives application (GRM, Privately Endowed)**
- **Conducts review**
- **Selects Nominees**

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The DGE
- **Verifies eligibility**
- **Assigns faculty reviewers**
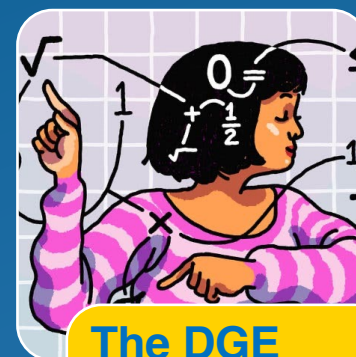- **Sends nominees out for external review**

3. Review Process

4. Norming

Reviewer 1
- **Faculty**
- **Field "next door"**
- **Uses Scoring Rubric**
- **For GRM only: reviewer 1 is the home academic department**

Reviewer 2
- **Faculty**
- **Field "next door"**
- **Uses Scoring Rubric**

The DGE
- **Score norming by the DGE Institutional Research Office**
- **Final review by leadership**
- **Awards offered**

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How to reach us throughout the application period

Graduate Education Portal
askgrad@grad.ucla.edu

FFS Office Hours
Virtual Office Hours Tuesdays and Fridays from
9:00am to 3:00pm:
https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97693172425

In-person M-Th, 9am-3pm Murphy Hall 1228

Thank You!