



**To: Deans, Department Chairs, Directors, Graduate Vice-Chairs and Faculty**

## Key takeaways:

- UCOP has released the 2025–26 UC-HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative RFP
- Grants support UC–HSI partnerships and graduate student pathways to the professoriate
- Proposals due to UCLA OIE: November 17, 2025, 12 p.m. PT
- Info Session: October 15, 2025, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. (Hybrid; lunch provided); [RSVP by October 6, 2025, 5 p.m. PT](#)

Dear Colleagues:

The UC Office of the President has announced the [2025-26 Request for Proposals to the University of California-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative](#) (UC-HSI DDI). Please see links to detailed application instructions and FAQs included below. Additional information is available on the [UCOP UC-HSI DDI website](#).

## Deadline

Please note that the deadline for submitting proposals to the UC Office of the President is Monday, December 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). **To allow sufficient time to secure a signature of support from the Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence, the deadline to submit proposals to the Office of Inclusive Excellence is 12 p.m. PT on Monday, November 17, 2025.** Kindly take note of these deadlines.

## About the Initiative

Launched in fall 2019, the UC-HSI DDI is designed to encourage UC faculty and administrators to enhance existing partnerships or explore new California Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) collaborations (within and external to UC). This initiative is vital to the University's commitment to inclusive excellence and includes both a faculty grants program that will support short-term and long-term programs/projects to strengthen and expand pathways to the professoriate, and funding to support PhD students from California HSIs who have advanced to candidacy at a UC campus. This grants program offers two funding mechanisms (small awards up to \$50k and large awards up to \$350k).

## Information Session

The Division of Graduate Education's Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions team will host a hybrid informational session in partnership with UCLA Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PT. We invite departments to come learn more about the UC-HSI DDI, such as award types, eligibility criteria and how the DGE, UCLA Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative, and successful grant awardees can support your proposal. Lunch will be provided for those who attend this event in person. You can also register to join the meeting remotely. We will follow up closer to the event to share location details, as well as the Zoom meeting link for virtual attendees. Please **RSVP for the UC-HSI DDI Information Session by 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 6**. This event will be recorded and shared on [Go.Grad](#).

[RSVP for the Session](#)

## Proposals

Departments/programs intending to submit a proposal for the UC-HSI DDI should submit the proposal to the Office of Inclusive Excellence at [WeListen@excellence.ucla.edu](mailto:WeListen@excellence.ucla.edu). Please include the full proposal and not just the signature page. The Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence should not be contacted directly for this review. A staff member in the Office of Inclusive Excellence will provide a copy of the signed signature page from the Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence once the review is complete.

## Timeline

- **Friday, July 11 –**  
RFP released to UCLA graduate departments/programs
- **Wednesday, October 15 –**  
Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual) Info Session from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. PT
- **Monday, November 17 –**  
Proposals due to the Office of Inclusive Excellence by 12 p.m. PT
- **Monday, December 1 –**  
Proposals due to UCOP by 12 p.m. PT
- **December 2025 through February 2026 –**  
Proposal reviews
- **April 2026 –**  
Awards announced
- **June 2026 –**  
Funds available

## Resources

- [2025-26 UC- HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative - Request for Proposals](#)
- [2025-26 UC-HSI DDI - Application Instructions](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Additional Information

Please direct any questions regarding the UC-HSI DDI to [AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu) or submit an inquiry via the [Graduate Education Portal](#). We look forward to supporting your interest in this opportunity!

Sincerely,

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