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Subject: Call for Proposals: 2026–27 UC-HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative



Division of Graduate Education

Office of Inclusive Excellence

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

Key takeaways:

- UCOP has released the 2026–27 UC-HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative request for proposals
- Grants support UC–HSI partnerships and graduate student pathways to the professoriate

- Proposals due to UCLA Office of Inclusive Excellence: Nov. 4, 2026, noon
- Information Session: Oct. 7, 2026, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. (Hybrid; lunch provided) — [RSVP by 5 p.m. on Sep. 28](#)

Dear Colleagues:

The UC Office of the President has announced the [2026–27 request for proposals to the University of California-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative](#) (UC-HSI DDI). Links to detailed application instructions and frequently asked questions are included below. Additional information is available at the [UCOP UC-HSI DDI website](#).

Deadlines

Proposals are due to the UC Office of the President by noon PT on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026. **To allow sufficient time to secure a signature of support from the Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence, the deadline to submit proposals to UCLA’s Office of Inclusive Excellence is noon on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026.**

About the Initiative

Launched in fall 2019, the initiative encourages UC faculty and administrators to strengthen existing partnerships or develop new collaborations with California Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), both within and outside the UC system. This initiative advances the university’s commitment to inclusive excellence through a competitive faculty grants program for short-term and long-term programs that strengthen and expand pathways to the professoriate. This grants program offers two funding mechanisms: small awards up to \$50,000 and large awards up to \$350,000.

Information Session

The Division of Graduate Education (DGE)'s Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions team will host a hybrid informational session in partnership with [UCLA Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative](#) on **Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026**, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Departments are invited to learn about award types, eligibility criteria, and the proposal support available from the DGE, UCLA Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative and successful grant recipients. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.

Attendees may also participate remotely. Location details and the Zoom meeting link will be shared closer to the event. **Please [RSVP for the information session](#) by 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28.** This event will be recorded and shared on [Go.Grad](#).

RSVP for the Info Session

Submitting Proposals

Departments and programs intending to submit a proposal should send the full proposal to the Office of Inclusive Excellence at WeListen@excellence.ucla.edu. Please include the full proposal, not just the signature page. Do not contact the vice provost for inclusive excellence directly for this review. After the review is complete, the Office of Inclusive Excellence will provide a copy of the signed signature page from the vice provost for inclusive excellence. Applicants must then submit the completed application, including the signed signature page, through ProposalCentral by noon PT on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Timeline

Here is a timeline for this year's Request for Proposals to the UC-HSI DDI:

Date	Event
Wed, Aug 19	RFP released to graduate departments/programs

Wed, Oct 7	Hybrid Information Session from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Wed, Nov 4	Proposals due to the Office of Inclusive Excellence by noon
Wed, Nov 18	Proposals due to UCOP by noon
Dec 2026–Feb 2027	Proposal reviews
April 2027	Awards announced
June 2027	Funds available

Resources

- **RFP —**
[2026-27 UC-HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative - Request for Proposals](#)
- **Application Instructions —**
[2026-27 UC-HSI DDI - Application Instructions](#)
- **Additional Resources —**
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Questions

For questions about the UC-HSI Doctoral Diversity Initiative, email AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu or submit an inquiry through the [Graduate Education Portal](#).

We look forward to supporting your interest in this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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