Graduate Fellowships are a key component of graduate life, and are oftentimes crucial for students to pursue their education and research at UCLA. Through increased fellowship we are able to attract and retain the best and brightest in their fields—individuals who are not only enhancing current research and developing new pathways for discovery, but also teachers and mentors all across campus to a thriving undergraduate population that in turn goes on to do great things. Fellowships ensure our students realize their dreams at UCLA and pay it forward to the next generation.

Recruiting the Best

Competitive Financial Aid Packages
Despite being among the most affordable top graduate programs nationally, UCLA trails behind peer-institutions in competitive packages offered to prospective students. Fellowships play a key role in recruiting top students who are still deciding between UCLA and other top-tier peer institutions.

Award-Winning Faculty and Alumni
14 Nobel Prize winners
2 Turing Award winners
13 MacArthur Fellows

Advanced Research Opportunities
Research at UCLA spans health and physical sciences, social justice, policy, engineering, and the humanities, and is continually shaping the advancement of these fields. Prospective students recognize the prestige of these programs with thirteen of our programs in the top 10 nationwide.

Rewarding Innovation

2230 Active Inventions
20 Startups formed in 2016-17
1046 Active U.S. Patents
1319 Active Foreign Patents

Providing Opportunity

UCLA scored highest among national universities in economic diversity and is a leader in economic mobility to our graduates. But graduate support packages still lag behind peer institutions.

The Cota-Robles Fellowship and Competitive Edge programs are at the forefront of ensuring increased access and representation at UCLA with 24% of our enrolled class coming from underrepresented backgrounds.

International students make up one sixth of our incoming graduate student body but face unique funding needs due to ineligibility for government funding.

Teaching assistantships make up a significant part of many graduate students’ financial aid packages, particularly in the humanities, and play a critical role in the education of undergraduates.

43% of aid provided to graduate students in the health sciences are offered through fellowships
74% of doctoral STEM grads go on to work in higher education and research at universities throughout the nation