

IAC GRADUATE AND PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The **Institute of American Cultures** (IAC) offers graduate fellowships to UCLA students with a demonstrated interest in African American, American Indian, Asian American, or Chicana/o studies. We especially encourage applications that advance our understanding of new social and cultural realities occasioned by the dramatic population shifts of recent decades, including greater heterogeneity within ethnic groups and increased interethnic contact. The fellowships are awarded to those individuals who, in the judgment of the IAC Executive Committee, show great promise in academic research and scholarship in ethnic studies.

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The 2027-28 application is now available!

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The 2027-28 Fellowship deadline is December 7, 2026.

This application is best supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explore 10+ and Safari 6+.

APPLICATION HISTORY

Center	Year	Submitted On	Status
AASC	2025-26		In Progress
AASC	2024-25		In Progress

Please note that applications submitted prior to 2015-16 are not displayed here.

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If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the IAC Coordinator or one of the centers listed below:

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(310) 825-6815
IACCoordinator@conet.ucla.edu

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(310) 825-2974
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3211 Campbell Hall
(310) 206-7738
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[Bunche Center for African American Studies](#)
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jthomas@bunche.ucla.edu

[Chicano Studies Research Center](#)
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ELIGIBILITY

This campus-wide program is open only to graduate students at UCLA and seeks to support students in the completion of their thesis/dissertation. The Fellowship in African American studies is open only to doctoral students who will have advanced to candidacy by the beginning of the fellowship year. The Fellowship in American Indian, Asian American and Chicana/o Studies does not require advancement to candidacy by the beginning of the fellowship year.

FUNDING

The terms of the fellowship may range from 1 to 3 quarters and will cover in-state tuition and fees plus a maximum stipend of \$6,000 to \$7,400 per quarter. Restrictions apply regarding acceptance of supplemental employment and/or other awards during the fellowship year. Contact the IAC Office for further information.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The fellowship review committee is comprised of UCLA scholars from a diverse range of disciplines. Only **complete** applications will be considered. The following components are required for a complete application:

1. Statement of Purpose

Give careful consideration to the statement of purpose. Present your academic and career objectives, as well as any distinctions that could augment your research. Explain and support why your research should be considered meritorious to the appropriate Ethnic Studies Research Center. Address the following in your statement. Limit: 2 pages single-spaced.

- What are your primary academic goals and research interests?
- How do you see your participation in this fellowship program as developing these goals and interests? Clarify any specific impact on teaching and/or scholarly research in ethnic studies.
- How will participation in this fellowship program contribute to your academic, professional and personal development.

2. Research Summary

Summarize the research project you have selected for your thesis/dissertation. State your investigative approach to the problem, theoretical background, methodology, and analysis plan. Limit: 2 pages single-spaced (12 pt. font, 1 inch margins).

3. Transcripts

All applicants must have transcripts for all college-level courses taken in degree-granting programs sent to the Ethnic Studies Research Center to which they are applying. Unofficial transcripts are accepted.

4. Supporting Documents

- Secure letters of recommendation from two faculty members with whom you have worked most closely. Enter contact information for your references and provide references with a copy of your proposal. Your references will be sent an e-mail with a link to the Appraisal Form, which they can submit online. Note the "received by" deadline. Applications without all the primary and supplemental materials by the deadline will **not** be reviewed.

i Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, individuals are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully. We believe, however, that in many instances letters written in confidence are of greater utility in the long run as a means of assessing a person's qualifications, abilities, and promise. You have the option of agreeing or not agreeing to waive your right to inspect these letters.

- Curriculum vitae.
- Thesis/Dissertation proposal.

5. All applications and supplementary materials will only be accepted via the online application process.

i Applicants will be notified of award decisions in February.

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⚠ All fields are required, unless specified as optional.

Please select a Research Center:

- ☒ Asian American Studies Center
- ☐ Bunche Center for African American Studies
- ☐ American Indian Studies Center
- ☐ Chicano Studies Research Center

General Applicant Information

Name:

[REDACTED]

UCLA I.D. #

[REDACTED]

Address:

☒ Use Mailing Address

999 MURPHY HALL

[REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES

CA

UNITED STATES

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Update your mailing address in [settings](#).

☐ Enter Different Address

Email Address:

test123@gmail.com

Telephone Number:

(555) 555 - 5555

Cell Phone Number:

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(Optional)

Program of Study

Program 1

Major:

Field of Specialization, if applicable:

(Optional) 250 character limit

Degree Program:

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Chair:

(Optional)

🔍 Search by faculty last name, first name or department.

🔍 If you don't find the name of your thesis/dissertation chair in the drop down, please enter 'Faculty Name - Department'.

Term You Began Program:

Expected Date of Advancement to Candidacy:

⚠ Please note that this will not update your official expected ATC date.

Expected Term of Graduation:

Select Term ▼ Select Year ▼

⚠ Please note that this will not update your official expected term of graduation. Please go to [Degree Candidacy Term](#) in MyUCLA in order to update your official degree expected term.

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Add any graduate and undergraduate institutions you have attended, starting with the most recent one. You may add up to six institutions.

 At least one undergraduate institution is required.

1. Name of Institution:

Location:

Dates Attended:

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Degree:

Major:

250 character limit

Cumulative GPA:

[+ Add Another Institution](#)

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Supplemental Information

Indicate your level of proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing for each language other than English:

(Optional) 1000 character limit

List any professional organizations in which you hold membership:

(Optional) 1000 character limit

List any academic awards and honors that you have received:

(Optional) 1000 character limit

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Add any employment data relevant to your fellowship application. List in reverse chronological order, beginning with your current position. You may add up to 6 positions.

1. Employer:

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Location:

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Dates of Employment:

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Position Held:

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Nature of Work:

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List the names of two persons from whom you have requested appraisal letters regarding your abilities, particularly in relation to your fellowship proposal. Provide each reference with a copy of your proposal.

i When you submit this application, each reference will be sent an e-mail with a link to the Appraisal Form, which must be submitted online. Appraisal Forms must be received no later than **December 17, 2026**. Incomplete application files will **not** be reviewed.

⚠ All fields are required.

1. Name of Reference :

Last Name

First Name

Position (Full Title):

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Name of Institution:

Department:

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Email Address:

2. Name of Reference :

Last Name

First Name

Position (Full Title):

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Name of Institution:

Department:

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Email Address:

3. Name of Reference (Optional) :

Last Name

First Name

Position (Full Title):

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Name of Institution:

Department:

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Email Address:

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You may agree to waive your rights to have access to letters of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and any other laws, regulations, or policies.

☒ I agree to waive my rights

☐ I do not agree to waive my rights

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⚠ All applicants must submit responses to the following items.

⚠ All documents are required.

Application Documents

Click on Browse to upload document. ⓘ

Statement of Purpose:

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Research Summary:

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Supporting Documents

Curriculum Vitae:

Browse...

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Transcript:

Browse...

No Document Uploaded

ⓘ If you have more than one transcript to upload, please combine them into a single PDF document.

Thesis/Dissertation Proposal:

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No Document Uploaded

(Optional)

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All fields are required, unless specified as optional.

Have you applied for any employment or fellowships (i.e., Federal, State, University, or private) that may affect your application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

How did you learn of the Institute of American Cultures program?

(Optional) 1000 character limit

The University of California in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices; nor does the University discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, University programs and activities, including but not limited to academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, and student employment.

Inquiries regarding the University's equal opportunity policies may be directed to Campus Counsel Patricia M. Jasper, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-4042. Speech and hearing impaired persons may call TTY (310) 206-6083. Inquiries regarding ADA and 504 compliance may be directed to Karen Henderson-Winge, Assistant Coordinator, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-7906 Voice or (310) 206-3349 TTY.

☐ I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that misrepresentation of any portion of this application may be cause for canceling the financial award or appointment.

Please note that you will not be able to make any changes or upload any documents to your application once you click on Submit.

Cancel

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Submit