The Graduate Equity Fellowship Program seeks to increase the diversity of students completing graduate degree programs at Cal State East Bay, encourages continuation towards doctoral programs, and promotes consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for Cal State East Bay students with educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds who have had success in overcoming these disadvantages. Graduate Equity Fellowships are grants ranging from $500 up to $2000 per year.

To apply for a Graduate Equity Fellowship, you must:

- Be considered a resident of the State of California for tuition purposes;
- Have maintained a GPA of 2.70 in all undergraduate work, and 3.25 in all graduate work;
- Be admitted to Cal State East Bay and to a state-supported graduate program as a classified or conditionally classified student;
- Have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and have financial need of at least $1,000;
- Enroll in a minimum of 8 units per semester applicable to the master’s degree during the academic year of your award, with graduation planned no earlier than Spring semester of that year (no exceptions);
- Demonstrate potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation; and
- Have not received more than one previous Graduate Equity Fellowship.

To apply for the Graduate Equity Fellowship, please submit the following:

- A completed ‘Graduate Equity Fellowship’ application form.
- Official transcripts – Unofficial CSUEB transcripts are acceptable. If you are already enrolled in a CSUEB graduate program, please provide your CSUEB graduate school transcripts only. If you have not yet enrolled in a CSUEB program, please provide a transcript from the university where you received your undergraduate degree (community college transcripts do not need to be submitted).
- Two recommendation forms, at least one from a faculty member, must be emailed directly to gradstudies@csueastbay.edu with the subject line of “GEF Recommendation: Student’s Name”.
- A statement of purpose – a two page, typed and double-spaced, explanation of the following:
  ~ New Applicants: Describe your academic, and personal background and educational and/or professional achievements; how this fellowship will help you achieve your career/professional goals, including a university faculty career, if applicable; and a discussion of any educational disadvantages you have overcome.
  ~ Renewal Applicants: Describe your academic achievements during the first year that you received the award. How has the fellowship enhanced your current educational experience and how a renewal will help you achieve your career/professional goals?

Note: All materials must be emailed to gradstudies@csueastbay.edu by the application deadline. Incomplete, late or partial applications are not acceptable. All awards are subject to availability of funds. Questions should be directed to The Office of Graduate Studies.