



## GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP INSTRUCTION SHEET

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).