
Division of Graduate Affairs

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As part of Graduate and Research Affairs, the Division of Graduate Affairs (DGA) is the administrative unit responsible for post-baccalaureate and graduate study at San Diego State University. The DGA is composed of the academic units that offer graduate study in the university. The faculties of these units provide programs in over 70 fields of study leading to advanced degrees in the arts and sciences and in professional areas at both the masters and doctoral levels as well as to a wide variety of programs leading to advanced certificates and credentials. The Graduate Council, on which sit representatives of the seven academic colleges of the university, has been delegated university-wide jurisdiction over graduate study. The council's responsibilities are broadly defined and include the development of policies on such matters as graduate programs and curricula, graduate student affairs, and graduate student scholarship.

The dean of the Division of Graduate Affairs is the chief administrative officer of the division and serves as chair of the Graduate Council. The graduate dean has general responsibility for implementing the policies of the Graduate Council and for the development, improvement, and administration of all post-baccalaureate study.

Graduate Study at San Diego State University

The year 2000 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the award of the first graduate degrees at San Diego State University. Those Master of Arts degrees were limited at first to fields such as education, English, history, and philosophy and directly supported the historical mission of the institution to train teachers to serve the regional community. Although the number of degree fields in the arts and sciences increased significantly in the 1950s, most continued to be designed for students planning to enter the "teaching service." As the decade ended, however, the establishment of what was to become the California State University (CSU) prompted a notable departure from the earlier academic traditions.

In 1960, the California State Legislature organized a number of state colleges into an integrated system and, in an educational Master Plan for the State, defined the relationship of the new system to the University of California and to the State's network of community colleges. Although the new system was to continue its mission of training teachers and providing a broad range of undergraduate degree opportunities, each campus was invited to develop its own institutional characteristics within that framework. At what was then San Diego State College, the faculty embraced a model that emphasized the necessarily close relationship between teaching and faculty and student research. This orientation required the broadening of the focus and purpose of advanced study, and over the following decades, scholarly research and graduate education came to be one of the distinguishing characteristics of San Diego State within the CSU. Indeed, by the time San Diego State College was designated a university in 1971, graduate study over a wide range of academic and professional disciplines had become an integral part of the institution's central mission.

A growing and increasingly diverse student population helped to stimulate the rapid growth of graduate programs in the years after 1960. The number of advanced degree programs at the master's level quickly grew to cover more than fifty fields of study in the arts and sciences. Professional degrees appeared in areas such as business, city planning, social work, public administration and public health. The Master of Fine Arts along with the Master of Music provided a terminal degree for students interested in pursuing careers in those fields.

Equally important was the recognition that the master's degree in those years was becoming an entry-level requirement in many fields of employment. This not only stimulated the constant updating of traditional programs but also led to the design of new programs that sought to address specific professional and academic needs. A degree program in computational science emerged as a discrete field of study as did a program for students interested in the processes involved in the transfer of technology from the academy to the broader community. The development of concurrent degree programs was also a response to changing societal needs. The School of Social Work, for example, established a program that led to the award of degrees in both social work and law. The nursing program provided a Master of Science degree that also qualified the student for certification as a nurse practitioner. The increasingly global interest of students and faculty resulted in a program that combined a degree in Latin American Studies with the Master of Business Administration. A network of international exchange agreements provided both students and faculty with scholarly opportunities around the world. Affiliation agreements gave graduate students access to some of the specialized educational resources of regional universities such as the University of California at San Diego. By 2004, the university had instituted three distance learning programs; affecting the educational opportunities of the twenty-first century.

The teacher-scholar model led inevitably perhaps to a faculty initiative to establish doctoral programs, and the first program leading to the degree Doctor of Philosophy began with chemistry in 1965. Today, 14 Ph.D. programs serve several hundred students. Some of these doctoral programs are in traditional academic disciplines while others had a more professional orientation such as in public health, clinical psychology, and language and communicative disorders. True to its historical tradition of emphasizing study in the discipline of education, the university offers the Ph.D. in Mathematics and Science Education and the Ed.D. in the rapidly changing field of Educational Technology.

By many measures, San Diego State University has become a competitive national doctoral research university. During the decade of the 1990s, the faculty generated about one billion dollars from extramural sources in support of student and faculty research and professional activity. The university ranks thirty-third in the nation in the number of advanced degrees awarded. SDSU will continue to develop programs to address issues of societal concern as they arise. Inevitably, other programs will disappear as circumstances and intellectual questions change. The result is a dynamic curricular and intellectual world and one of enormous academic and professional opportunity.

Authorized Graduate Degrees

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in the following fields:

Biology (Cell and Molecular)	Geography
Chemistry	Language and Communicative Disorders
Clinical Psychology	
Computational Science	Mathematics and Science Education
Computational Science/Statistics	
Ecology	
Education	Public Health/Epidemiology
	Public Health/Global Health
Engineering Sciences/ Applied Mechanics	Public Health/Health Behavioral Science

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Education
 Educational Leadership
 Concentration in PreK-12 Leadership
 Concentration in Community College/Postsecondary Leadership

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE

The professional doctorate degree is offered in the following field:
 Audiology

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

The educational specialist degree is offered in the following field:
 Ed. S in School Psychology

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

The Master of Fine Arts degree is offered in the following fields:
 Art
 Creative Writing
 Theatre Arts

MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Arts degree is offered in the following fields:

Anthropology	Linguistics
Art	Mathematics
Asian Studies	Music
Biology	Philosophy
Chemistry	Physics
Chicana and Chicano Studies	Political Science
Communication	Psychology
Economics	Rhetoric and Writing Studies
Education	Sociology
English	Spanish
French	Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Geography	
History	Television, Film and New Media Production
Interdisciplinary Studies	
Kinesiology	Theatre Arts
Latin American Studies	Women's Studies
Liberal Arts and Sciences	

MASTER OF SCIENCE

The Master of Science degree is offered in the following fields:

Accountancy	Exercise Physiology
Aerospace Engineering	Geography
Applied Mathematics	Geological Sciences
Astronomy	Gerontology
Bioengineering	Homeland Security
Biology	Interdisciplinary Studies
Biomedical Quality Systems	Mechanical Engineering
Business Administration	Microbiology
Chemistry	Nursing
Child Development	Nutritional Sciences
Civil Engineering	Physics
Computational Science	Psychology
Computer Science	Public Health
Counseling	Radiological Health Physics
Criminal Justice and Criminology	Regulatory Affairs
Electrical Engineering	Rehabilitation Counseling
	Statistics

PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Business Administration
 Master of City Planning
 Master of Engineering
 Master of Music
 Master of Public Administration
 Master of Public Health
 Master of Social Work

CONCURRENT DEGREES

Concurrent degrees are offered in the following fields:
 Master of Arts in Education with a Concentration in Counseling and the Educational Specialist in School Psychology
 Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor
 Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
 Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
 Master of Science in Nutritional Science and Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
 Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor
 Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health

Graduate Concentrations

A concentration is defined as an aggregate of courses within a degree major designed to give a student specialized knowledge, competence, or skill. Completion of a concentration is noted on the student's transcript.

Applied Mathematics (MS)

Concentrations:
 dynamical systems
 mathematical theory of communication systems

Art (MA)

Concentrations:
 art history
 studio arts

Biology (MA or MS)

Concentrations:

ecology
evolutionary biology
molecular biology
physiology

Business Administration (MS)

Concentrations:

entrepreneurship
finance
financial and tax planning
human resource management
information systems
international business
management
marketing
operations management
real estate
taxation

Civil Engineering (MS)

Concentration:

environmental engineering

Computational Science (MS)

Concentration (MS):

professional applications

Concentration (PhD):

statistics

Counseling (MS)

Concentrations:

marriage and family therapy
school counseling

Education (MA)

Concentrations:

counseling
educational leadership
educational research
educational technology
elementary curriculum and instruction
mathematics education (K-8)
policy studies in language and cross-cultural education
reading education
secondary curriculum and instruction
special education

Geography (MS)

Concentrations:

geographic information science
watershed science

Nursing (MS)

Concentrations:

advanced practice nursing of adults and the elderly
community health nursing
nursing education
nursing systems administration

Psychology (MS)

Concentrations:

applied psychology
clinical psychology (included within the Ph.D. program;
not available separately)

Public Administration (MPA)

Concentrations:

city planning
criminal justice administration

Public Health

Concentrations (MPH):

biometry
environmental health
epidemiology
health promotion
health services administration

Concentrations (MS):

industrial hygiene
toxicology

Concentrations (PhD):

epidemiology
global health
health behavioral science

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (MA)

Concentrations:

audiology
communicative sciences
education of the deaf
speech-language pathology

Statistics (MS)

Concentration:

biostatistics

Theatre Arts (MFA)

Concentrations:

acting
design and technical theatre
musical theatre

Credentials Offered

Teaching Credentials

Multiple subject

Multiple subject cross-cultural language and academic
development (CLAD) emphasis

Multiple subject bilingual cross-cultural
language and academic development (BCLAD)
emphasis: Spanish

Single subject

Single subject cross-cultural language and academic
development (CLAD) emphasis

Single subject bilingual cross-cultural language and academic
development (BCLAD) emphasis: Spanish

Specialist Credentials

Bilingual Cross-Cultural

Education specialist for the deaf and hard of hearing, levels I and II

Reading/language arts

Resource specialist certificate of competence

Special education:

Early childhood special education, levels I and II; internship
credential

Mild/moderate disabilities, levels I and II; internship credential

Moderate/severe disabilities, levels I and II; internship credential

Physical and health impairments, level I

Service Credentials

Administrative services

Clinical-rehabilitative services

Pupil personnel services:

child welfare and attendance

school counseling

school psychology

school psychology (internship credential)

school social work

School nurse services

Graduate Certificate Programs (nondegree)

Certificate in academic literacy development for English language learners

Certificate in advanced children's/adolescent literature

Certificate in advanced technical and scientific writing

Certificate in artist diploma

Certificate in bilingual cross-cultural language and academic development (BCLAD)

Certificate in bilingual speech language pathology

Certificate in communications systems

Certificate in community college teaching

Certificate in cross-cultural language and academic development (CLAD)

Certificate in cultural and community trauma studies

Certificate in developing gifted potential

Certificate in distance education

Certificate in early childhood special education

Certificate in educational facility planning

Certificate in instructional software design

Certificate in instructional technology

Certificate in mathematics specialist

Certificate in nursing education

Certificate in preK-12 educational leadership

Certificate in preventive medicine residency

Certificate in professional computational science

Certificate in psychiatric rehabilitation

Certificate in regulatory affairs

Certificate in rehabilitation administration

Certificate in rehabilitation technology

Certificate in supported employment and transition specialist

Certificate in teaching English as a second or foreign language (TESL/TEFL)

Certificate in transborder public administration governance

Certificate in workforce education and lifelong learning

Graduate Certificate Programs

The advanced certificate at the post-baccalaureate entry level provides a program of coursework leading to a specific applied goal. The general educational background of a bachelor's degree with a major in the appropriate field(s) of study is prerequisite to such a certificate. Courses taken for advanced certificate program may be applied to a master's degree with the approval of the graduate adviser.

Graduate Study in the Summer Term

San Diego State University offers state supported as well as special session courses in the various terms that make up the summer term. Graduate students may earn residence credit that satisfies requirements for advanced degrees, credentials, or advanced certificates by successfully completing such courses during the summer. Enrollment in state supported courses requires that a student have been admitted to the university in an appropriate graduate category. Students who have not been admitted to the university may be eligible to enroll for such courses through Open University. Enrollment in special session courses does not require admission to the university. Not more than nine units combined of coursework taken in Open University or special sessions prior to admission to an advanced degree or certificate program will be acceptable subsequently on a program of study. For more information about the summer term, see the SDSU Summer Session Class Schedule.

Students taking coursework for a degree through summer programs only must apply to the university and be admitted with classified standing before completing more than 12 units. Students pursuing an advanced degree in summer only must attend for a minimum of three summers to complete a degree.

Graduate Study for Foreign Students

The facilities of San Diego State University for graduate study are available to qualified graduates of foreign universities on the same basis and under the same regulations as apply to graduates of colleges and universities in the United States.

Admission procedures for foreign graduate students are stated in the section on Admission of Graduate Students in this bulletin.

Veterans and Graduate Study

San Diego State University is approved to train veterans under the G.I. Bill. Veterans who are interested in graduate work should visit the campus Veterans Affairs Office located in Student Services West, Room 1641, for information and counseling regarding veterans' benefits prior to the date of registration.

Financial Support for Graduate Students

Like other national universities, San Diego State University makes available to students admitted to advanced degree curricula a variety of financial support programs designed to substantially reduce or eliminate economic barriers to the pursuit of graduate study. The most widely known of these are the state and federal aid programs available to degree-seeking students who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Equally important are the university programs that address the unique financial needs of individual students across a broad range of economic and academic circumstances.

The on-campus programs for advanced degree students at San Diego State University include appointments as graduate teaching associates, graduate assistants, research assistants, and student assistants as well as tuition and fee payment assistance, fellowships, scholarships, grants, and forgivable loans.

Eligibility and dollar amounts often differ by discipline and experience, and some opportunities are available only to students admitted to doctoral programs. Nominations for almost all of these awards originate with the chair or director of the department or school of the degree program for master's degree students or the coordinator of the doctoral program for students pursuing either the Ph.D. or Ed.D. degree. The Division of Graduate Affairs administers most of these programs for the university. The graduate dean must approve most awards and appointments and determine whether the applicant is in good standing in the university. Continuing and prospective students interested in specific information about any of these on-campus programs are invited to write or visit the Division of Graduate Affairs at San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182. The phone number is 619-594-5213. The Division of Graduate Affairs is located in Manchester Hall, Room 3320. Information is also available at <http://www.sdsu.edu>.

Financial Aid

Information about all state, federal, and institutional aid programs is available from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships located in Student Services, Room 3605. The phone number is 619-594-6323. Information about the available programs as well as the academic standards that a student must maintain in order to remain eligible for such aid can be accessed at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid>.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is all you need to begin the application process. You may apply by using FAFSA on the Web site at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Paper FAFSA applications are also available and may be picked up at college financial aid offices.

Applications are reviewed and aid awarded throughout the year based on available funding. January through May, however, is considered the optimum time period to apply for aid to receive funding at the beginning of the fall semester.

E-Mail and the Internet

The SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships uses e-mail and the Internet to communicate with aid applicants about documentation needed, disbursement holds, and awards. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships home page and secure Web site, *AidLink*, have been enhanced to streamline the application and award process for SDSU students. Go to SDSU's Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/portal>, and select E-Mail/Address Update to make sure there is a valid e-mail address on record for you with the Office of the Registrar. Use *AidLink* at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid> to view your personal financial aid information, download and print documents you need to submit, activate your student loan, and more.

Graduate Teaching Associates

Appointments as graduate teaching associates, known more familiarly as a TAs, provide students the opportunity to participate directly in the teaching activities of the university. Indeed, faculty members in many programs consider such appointments an integral part of the academic curriculum for their graduate students. Under the supervision of senior faculty, TAs provide direct instruction to undergraduate students, primarily at the lower division level.

Appointments as graduate teaching associates may be obtained by qualified graduate students pursuing a master's degree in the areas of anthropology, art, astronomy, biological sciences, business administration, chemistry, communication, economics, educational technology, engineering, English, exercise and nutritional sciences, French, geography, geological sciences, history, linguistics, mathematical sciences, microbiology, music, physics, psychology, rhetoric and writing, sociology, Spanish, speech, language, and hearing sciences, television, film, and new media production, and theatre arts. In addition, all doctoral programs offer such appointments.

Qualifications for appointment include admission to San Diego State University with classified or conditionally classified graduate standing for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree. Appointment is for a period of either one semester or the academic year. Reappointment following an appointment of one semester or one academic year is dependent upon satisfactory performance in graduate studies, as prescribed by the Division of Graduate Affairs, departmental need for the continued service in the department, and upon satisfactory teaching performance.

The combined teaching assignment and coursework permitted during one semester is 15 units unless an excess of this amount is authorized by the graduate dean.

Information concerning an appointment as a graduate teaching associate may be obtained from the head of the department, school, or college in which the applicant wishes to obtain the advanced degree. The Division of Graduate Affairs also publishes *A Handbook for Graduate Assistants and Graduate Teaching Associates* available at http://gra.sdsu.edu/Graduate/gta_ga_handbook/index.htm.

Graduate Assistants

Graduate assistants (GA) provide instructionally related services by tutoring and conducting advising. Alternatively, GAs may be assigned duties that directly support the research activities of the faculty.

Graduate assistants not involving teaching duties and permitting up to 20 hours of service per week for a full-time appointment are available in most of the departments and schools. Qualifications for graduate assistants include admission to San Diego State University with classified or conditionally classified graduate standing. Normally, graduate assistants must enroll in and complete each semester at least six units of coursework listed on the official program of study.

Appointment to a graduate assistantship is for a period of either one semester or the academic year. Reappointment or continuation of an appointment is dependent upon satisfactory performance in graduate studies, as prescribed by the Division of Graduate Affairs, satisfactory completion of assigned duties, and upon departmental need for the continued service in the department.

Information concerning an appointment as a graduate assistant may be obtained from the head of the department, school, or college in which the applicant wishes to obtain the advanced degree. For further information consult *A Handbook for Graduate Assistants and Graduate Teaching Associates* available at http://gra.sdsu.edu/Graduate/gta_ga_handbook/index.htm.

Student Assistants

Graduate students are eligible for employment as student assistants who perform a wide variety of tasks supporting faculty and staff across the university. Assistants are paid by the hour and are restricted to assignments not to exceed 20 hours per week. Students may apply for this employment through the department chairs or program directors. In addition, the Office of Career Services located in Student Services, Room 1200, maintains a listing of the positions available.

Research Assistants

The university offers some graduate students part-time employment as research assistants. Research assistants work directly with faculty in a laboratory or other research facility in the health, physical, and social sciences. Research assistants are employees of the SDSU Research Foundation, but they are generally hired through departmental faculty seeking assistance on research programs. Students may inquire about such appointments through the chair or director of the respective science department or through the Office of Human Resources of the SDSU Research Foundation. Those interested in adding their names to a list of candidates for current or future part-time openings may obtain application materials from the San Diego State University Research Foundation, Gateway Building, 5250 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1945. Further information is also available on the university Web site.

Tuition Assistance Program for Out-of-State and Foreign Students

In California, all students are required to pay a registration fee based on the number of units of enrollment. In addition to this fee, non-residents of California, including international students, pay tuition that currently amounts to \$339 per unit of enrollment. For graduate students of superior scholastic achievement participating in the teaching program, however, the university may provide assistance by waiving all or part of the cost of out-of-state tuition. The number of students receiving tuition waivers is limited.

To be eligible for this program, an applicant must be a permanent resident or a citizen of the United States or a nonresident who is a citizen and resident of a foreign country. Assistance is provided on a semester-by-semester basis only for students in good academic standing who have an appointment as a teaching associate, graduate assistant, or research assistant. Students must be appointed for 20 hours per week or be enrolled in at least 10 units. Domestic non-residents are only eligible for one year. International students may qualify for a continuation beyond their first year.

For more information and application forms, continuing and new students should contact the chair or director of the department or school of the Master's program to which they have been admitted. Students pursuing a Ph.D. should consult the program director. Departmental nominations should be submitted to the Division of Graduate Affairs.

Fee Assistance Program

For most students pursuing the Ph.D. degree, the university has available some scholarship funds to offset in whole or in part the cost of the state-mandated registration fees. Like the tuition assistance program, awardees must be participating in the teaching program of the university. Information regarding this support is available from the directors of the doctoral programs.

Graduate Scholarships

San Diego State University awards scholarships to students to foster academic excellence, to develop talents, and to recognize leadership, community involvement, and outstanding achievement. Scholarships are also awarded to students who have overcome significant challenges to obtain an education and to provide financial support to students for academic related activities, such as conference attendance and study abroad. All students, regardless of nationality, citizenship, residency status, area of study, or grade point average are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as possible.

Applications and specific requirements are available on the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid>. Deadlines vary and new SDSU scholarship opportunities are added to the Web site throughout the year. The main SDSU scholarship application filing period is November through early February for awards paid in the following academic year. A second filing period extends from early March through April. Applications accepted August through October offer awards paid in the current academic year.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships coordinates the SDSU scholarship application and awarding process with the committees from the various academic departments and organizations responsible for selecting recipients. Scholarship funds are provided by private donors, corporations, professional associations, and SDSU alumni.

Other Scholarship Resources and Links

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site also lists resources and links to outside scholarship information and free search Web sites.

National Fellowships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships receives annual announcements of the Fulbright, Marshall, Kent, Rotary, and other national fellowship programs. Since each campus is limited in the number of applications it may endorse, students interested in fellowships of this type are encouraged to discuss their applications with designated campus adviser and with members of the university faculty who have themselves held these fellowships. Since test scores from the Graduate Record Examinations General Test are required, students should take this examination well in advance of the deadline date for the submission of applications. The GRE may be scheduled through the Student Testing, Assessment and Research Office.

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

The Graduate Equity Fellowship program provides support for economically disadvantaged graduate students, especially from groups who are underrepresented within their respective disciplines. Only legal residents of California who can demonstrate significant financial need are eligible. Recipients must be classified graduate students and must enroll for a minimum of nine units of coursework each semester they hold the fellowship. Fellowships range from \$500 to \$4,000 for an academic year depending on demonstrated need. Students may receive awards for a maximum of two academic years but they must apply each year. Interested students should complete a Division of Graduate Affairs application available at the Division of Graduate Affairs and Research office, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Division of Graduate Affairs application, for continuing students, must be submitted by May 1, 2007. For newly admitted students, the deadline to apply is September 20, 2007.

CSU Forgivable Loan Program

The Forgivable Loan Program provides financial assistance to graduate students who show promise of becoming strong candidates for California State University instructional faculty positions. The pur-

pose of the program is to increase the pool of individuals with the qualifications, motivation, and skills to teach the diverse student body in the California State University. It is a competitive program directed by the CSU but open to doctoral students across the country. Through the Forgivable Loan Program, the CSU offers loans and faculty sponsorship to full-time students pursuing doctoral degrees who are interested in a teaching career at a CSU campus. The program provides loans of up to \$10,000 per year up to a total of \$30,000 within five years. Loan forgiveness is 20 percent of the loan forgiven for each year of full-time postdoctoral teaching at a CSU campus and faculty sponsorship from a CSU faculty member. The CSU does not guarantee a faculty position to any participant in the Forgivable Loan Program. However, it is expected that upon completion of their doctoral studies, participants will be qualified to compete for CSU faculty positions. Applications are available at all CSU campuses; our campus has a Forgivable Loan Program coordinator in the Division of Graduate Affairs. You may also obtain an application and information at http://www.calstate.edu/HR/FLP/info_applicant.shtml.

California Pre-Doctoral Program

The program is designed to increase the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are current upper division or graduate students in the California State University, economically and educationally disadvantaged, interested in a university faculty career, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and leaders of tomorrow. Junior, senior, and graduate students in the CSU, especially those from environments where university teaching is not a common career goal, have unique opportunities to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs. Working one-on-one with faculty members from both CSU and doctoral-granting institutions, students receive funding for activities such as participation in a summer research internship program at a doctoral granting institution to receive exposure to the world of research in their chosen field, visits to doctoral-granting institutions to explore opportunities for doctoral study, and travel to national symposiums for professional meetings in their chosen field. Other related activities include membership in professional organizations, journal subscriptions, graduate school application, and test fees. For information regarding the California Pre-Doctoral Program contact the campus co-coordinator in the Division of Graduate Affairs or go to <http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/advisors.shtml>.

Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education (Graduate APLE)

This is a state-funded teacher incentive program administered by the California Student Aid Commission. It is designed to encourage graduate students to complete their advanced education and then serve as faculty at an accredited college or university in California. Under the provisions of the program, the Commission may assume up to \$6,000 in student loan balances in return for the participant's service as a full-time faculty member at a college or university in California for three consecutive years after obtaining a graduate degree.

Applicants for this loan assumption program must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States as well as residents of the State of California. Participants must be nominated by the university and are selected on the basis of academic qualifications, interviews, and faculty evaluations as well as such other criteria as the nominating campus may determine. The deadline for submission to the Commission of applications of the campus nominees is normally the end of June for the following academic year. Application forms and complete information may be obtained from the Office of Advising and Recruitment, located in Business Administration, Room 259, 619-594-6320.

There is no funding to provide new awards for the 2007-08 academic year.