



University Distinguished Professors Scholarship

The Scholarly Excellence Fellowship

SCOPE

The University Distinguished Professors (UDP) Scholarly Excellence Fellowship is a merit-based award bestowed upon a graduate student for her/his academic accomplishments. Eligible graduate students are enrolled in graduate school and are full-time students in one of the colleges at Colorado State University pursuing a terminal degree. The purpose of the fellowship is to enhance the professional development opportunities of the awardees. The UDP Scholarly Excellence Fellowship strives for equity, inclusion, and diversity to reward the most qualified candidate.

CURRENT PROCESS

The fellowship rotates alphabetically through the different colleges at CSU. The selected college sets up a call for applications/nominations, receives the nominations and evaluates them. The top three applications are then forwarded as the official nominations for review by the UDPs. The UDPs select the winner and communicate to Advancement who are the recipients. The graduate student(s) winner(s) are invited to the UDP spring meeting to discuss their research interests and accomplishments and plans on how to use the fellowship funds.

Fellowship details: Amount: \$10,000

Number of fellowships per year: 1 or 2 depending on balance in the account



Process at the College Level — For Advancement Only

The liaison between the UDPs and the colleges is Marilyn Butcher from the Division of University Advancement at CSU. The process to start the call for nominations and selection must include the following process:

1. Marilyn Butcher will contact the Associate Dean or Dean to let the college know it is its turn to receive the UDP Scholarly Excellence Fellowship.
2. The college sets up a broad call for applications among graduate students.
3. The college establishes a committee to evaluate applications.
4. The criterion for selection is based solely on academic accomplishments. The candidates must be enrolled full time in a terminal degree program.
5. The college selects the top three candidates among applicants. Following evaluation the college submits documentation on the top three candidates to support their recommendation to UDPs. This material will include a brief statement of research interest, research accomplishments and brief biographical sketch of the selected students. This documentation is forwarded to Advancement within 30 days the college receives the notification from the UDPs.
6. Marilyn Butcher provides the information to the UDPs who will select the winner.
7. The UDPs communicate their decision to Marilyn Butcher and provide a letter to congratulate the awardees, which she sends to the College.
8. The selected candidate is invited to give a short presentation of their research and the plans they have for using the award to expand professional opportunities at the Spring UDP meeting.

Colleges at CSU – Alphabetical listing

Agricultural Sciences

Business

Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering (2022)

Health and Human Sciences (2023)

Liberal Arts (2023)

Warner College of Natural Resources

Natural Sciences

Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



Timeline for the Process

Date	Task
Second week of January	Advancement communicates with Carmen Menoni to let her know of the funding available
Third Week of January	UDP communicates with Advancement to let them know how many fellowships will be awarded
First week of Feb.	Advancement communicates with the college to be recipient of the scholarship
First week of March	College(s) provide the 3 finalists to Advancement
Second week of March	This is the latest for UDPs to receive the nominations
Second week of March	UDP evaluation starts
Last week of March	UDPs communicate selection to Advancement
First week in April	Advancement communicates the decision to the College(s)
Spring Meeting UDPs	Students are invited to the meeting to present themselves to the group and brief them on their research and plans for the scholarship