

Updated guidelines related to additional campus employment and part-time student status made May 13, 2025.

PATH Integrated Fellowship for Ph.D. Students

Call for Applications

Deadline: Thursday, May 29, 2025

With generous funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and in partnership with the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD), the UC San Diego School of Arts and Humanities is excited to announce the upcoming year of the PATH Ph.D. Integrated Fellowship.

The fellowship introduces UC San Diego Arts and Humanities Ph.D. students to a range of academic leadership positions and career options. In particular, fellows will be encouraged to learn about career pathways available within the San Diego Community College District (San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, and San Diego Miramar College) and the ways in which these positions support the transfer mission of community colleges.

The Integrated Ph.D. Fellowship supports the professional development of doctoral candidates by assessing their career-related skills, interests and goals, imagining and exploring different career choices, and mapping out a professional development plan that includes community college leadership.

The initiative will fund six (6) Ph.D. Arts and Humanities Fellows for the 2025-2026 academic year, and will include professional development programming as well as a \$35,000 stipend.

The fellowship consists of the following three components:

Teaching (Job Shadowing):

- Regularly observe a SDCCD course and meet with the instructor(s) to debrief the observation, reflect on the class, and ask questions.
- Guest lecture for at least 2 course sessions, co-create and discuss individual lesson plans with instructor(s).
- Participate in exam preparation, garner experience with grading and providing feedback to community college students, and engage in intentional conversations about the diversity represented in the community college classroom.
- Take part in intersegmental faculty development workshops within the Community of Practice, focusing on integrating social justice and career legibility into classroom pedagogy.
- Write regular reflections to document and assess the experience.

Administration:

- In rotation, shadow administrators in departments of Student Affairs and other Department Support Services, Research Affairs, Instructional Services and Educational Affairs, Advancement or other relevant areas to experiment and prepare for leadership opportunities via direct participation in activities that build and strengthen collaborative administrative skills.
- Explore interests in partnership with administration; participate in relevant events, meetings, and initiatives (such as DEI task forces, departmental meetings, student equity initiatives, academic senate, board meetings, and DGC [district governance council]), and schedule one-on-one meetings with administrators throughout the district.
- Participation in multiple professional development workshops organized by UC San Diego and SDCCD, including the annual Cultivating the Arts and Humanities Success Summit.

Mentoring:

- Mentor SDCCD undergraduate students as they conduct year-long social-justice research projects related to their Humanities4Careers internships.
- Provide SDCCD students with guidance in research design, critical analysis and project execution.
- Provide feedback to facilitate student presentations and reflection, culminating in an intern symposium

Eligibility: This opportunity is for Ph.D. or D.M.A. students at UC San Diego studying within the School of Arts and Humanities (History, Literature, Philosophy, Music, Theatre and Dance, Visual Arts) in good academic standing, and have advanced to candidacy with at least one full year left before graduation. Part-time students are welcome to apply.

Award Amount: The fellowship stipend of \$35,000 will be paid over nine months from September 2025-May 2026. This award do not preclude additional campus employment during tenure as a fellow. If appropriate, a PATH fellow could still TA for 25%-50% assuming they're in good standing with their department and GEPA approves, per employment guidelines.

Note: The fellowship does NOT cover tuition and fees. Please coordinate directly with your department.

Award Period: Activities will take place between September 2025-May 2026, noting that SDCCD is on the semester system. The time commitment will average about 10 hours per week.

Award Process: A committee of UC San Diego and SDCCD faculty will review applications and make the selections, with awardees notified in early June. The program will coordinate with the student's home department and Graduate Division to administer the stipend payments.¹ Fellows will need to complete a LiveScan and TB test with SDCCD before entering the classroom and will incur the expenses for these (approximately \$50).

Reporting Process: Awardees will be required to submit a report and document their experiences and lessons learned. Details to follow. Awardees will also need to meet with the UC San Diego and SDCCD program managers at least once per quarter to discuss their activities and offer real-time feedback about the fellowship program.

Application:

- Submit a [completed applicant form](#)
- Have two letters of recommendation uploaded via the [referral form](#).
- **The deadline to submit all is Thursday, May 29, 2025.**

The [applicant form](#) will collect:

- Applicant **contact information** and **biography**
- Applicant **CV** (3 pages maximum - file to be uploaded)
- A short description of applicant **research, career goals and interest in careers at the community college** in teaching and/or administration.
- **Two to three identified departments or people of interest (for shadowing or otherwise)** at the San Diego Community College District office, City College, Mesa College, or Miramar College.
- **Applicant experience** related to the following topics, specifically highlighting work in equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice advocacy, and how the applicant overcame barriers, and/or demonstrated a commitment to diversity.
 - **Leadership** (e.g. coordination of volunteer activities, board member in student organization, residential life, student government etc.),
 - **Overcoming Adversity** (e.g. overcoming educational, social, cultural, economic, barriers, or

- barriers related to accessibility, etc.),
 - **Community Involvement** (e.g. volunteer service, organizing, activism, teaching, mentoring, counseling, community art production etc.),
 - **Social Justice Experience** (e.g. addressing systemic inequality through education, organizing, activism, mentorship, counseling, outreach/access, survival and development work, event planning/coordination, community building and development, etc.),
 - **Personal or Professional Ethics** (e.g. experience with an ethical code, conduct seminars, IRB training, etc.),
 - **Research** (e.g. undergraduate research, involvement in McNair or similar programs, independent or group study with a professor or researcher, research outside of academia, full-time research after college, etc.),
 - **Other** (e.g. any other kind of experience or information that you feel will help add to creating a diverse spectrum of ideas, perspectives, and experiences)
- **The [Recommendation form](#) will collect:**
 - **Two letters of support**, with one written by the dissertation advisor.
 - Letters of support should emphasize the knowledge of a student, discuss the student's suitability for this fellowship, explain how they would benefit from this opportunity and how it might impact their career trajectory.
 - **Questions?** Please email path@ucsd.edu with "Fellowship" in the subject line.
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¹The stipends are payable upon approval from the student's home department to ensure that the stipend will not exceed the Graduate Division or departmental maximum earnings limit.