Graduate Student Fellowship Awardees 2021



The majority of this years students are first gen, have worked extensively through their studies and all are dedicated to giving back to their community. Graduate division would like to the thank all the faculty on Graduate Council for reviewing these applications, to all the Graduate Programs for reviewing and nominating their students and to all students for their outstanding work and impressive applications.

UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship (UC-HIS DDI)

Aims to support pathways to the professoriate for those from HSI-serving institutions. Provides a full year of fellowship and a \$10,000 professional development grant. Students need to be advanced to candidacy.



Iamiela Kokash

5th Year Neuroscience student in Khaleel Razak's laboratory. Jamiela's research identifies molecular mechanisms governing hearing loss. She is currently President of the Neuroscience GSA and has spent considerable time mentoring as a TA, as a GSMP and outreach to local high schools. She has published 2 papers and organizes Brain Awareness Day.



Cinthva Martinez

5th Year Ethnic Studies student mentored by Dylan Rodriguez. Cinthya researches the experiences of women in ICE detention particularly in the local Adelanto facility and is a deportation defense volunteer. She has 3 published papers, is a founder of the campus initiative Critical Antiviolence Research & Action and co-wrote a successful grant application to the Center for Ideas & Society.

UC Dissertation Year Fellowship Award (DYFA)

Provides 3 quarters of stipend and tuition, a travel and research allowance and a UCOP Award Ceremony. Students need to be advanced to candidacy.



Camilla Ouerin

5th Year Art History student mentored by Aleca La Blanc. Camilla studies art produced during the military dictatorship in Brazil. She has also curated an exhibition of photography. speaks 4 languages and is a recipient of an Outstanding Teaching Award.



Judit Gutierrez

5th Year Hispanics student mentored by Jacques Lezra. Judit studies legislation put in place during the Spanish transition to democracy. In the past two years she has published 4 articles in leading journals and is a recipient of an Outstanding Teaching Award.



Esther Omaive

5th Year Environmental Toxicology student in the lab of Prue Talbot. Esther studies e-cigarettes, metal exposure and the regulatory gap in tobacco products containing high levels of flavor chemicals. Esther has published 7 articles and received an Outstanding Leadership award from the Society of Toxicology.

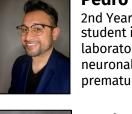
Graduate Research Mentorship Program Award (GRMP)

Provides 1-2 quarters of stipend and tuition for domestic students that do not have to be advanced to candidacy.



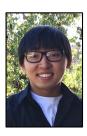
Pedro Villa

2nd Year Biomedical Sciences student in Djurdjica Coss's laboratory. Pedro studies the neuronal mechanisms that premature ovarian failure.



Jessie Bridgewater

3rd Year Psychology student mentored by Tuppet Yates. Jessica studies adverse childhood experiences in the context of the carceral system.



Austin Moon

2nd Year Neuroscience student in Rachel Wu's laboratory. Austin studies visual search patterns using EEG and computational techniques.



Gabriela Almendarez

4th Year English student mentored by Richard Rodriguez. Gabriela studies the firsthand history of Chicanos through their writing and digital work

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The process of fellowship awards begins with the graduate programs who have awarded support internally based on their knowledge of their discipline and the students applications. The following is a list of these allocated awards. Congratulations to all!

Program		Program	
Anthropology	Sophea Seng	Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics	Amy M. Boyd
Art History	Cynthia Neri Lewis		Jianhai Zhang
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	James B. Derr	Geological Sciences	Pam Vervoort
	Kriti Shah	History	Richard R. Rush
Bioengineering	John A. Clark		Kate Mower
Biomedical Sciences	Erin M. Walch	Management	Dawei Jian
	Jeffrey Koury	Materials Science & Engineering	Xiong Huang
Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology	Burak Cetin		Anshuman Kumar
Chemistry	Alexander Lambert		Jian Zhang
	Kristen Wang	Mathematics	Jonathan Alcaraz
	Briana L. Hickey		Jonathan P. Dugan
	Anh Hong		Michael L. McNulty
Comparative Literature	Alba A. Cercas Curry	Mechanical Engineering	Qingan Cai
	Utitofon E. Inyang		Shuonan Chen
	Marziyeh Kameli		Samaneh Sattari
Computer Science	Weiteng Chen	Microbiology	Tania Kurbessoian
	Elizabeth H. Liri		Nathan K. McLain
	Muhammad Abu Bakar Siddique	Music	Alvaro E. Lopez
	Kai Zhao		Nattapol Wisuttipat
Critical Dance Studies	Rosalia Lerner	Philosophy	Tom Hanauer-Rehavia
Economics	Tao Wang		Jared N. Smith
	Zhuozhen Zhao	Physics	Chia-Feng Chang
	Saman Banafti		Green Adam
Education	Amanda L. Scott-Williams		Sanaz Panahandeh
	Carlos A. Galan		Zulfi-khar A. Ali
	Elina Veytsman	Plant Biology	Julia N. Adams
Electrical Engineering	Milad Izadi		Han Qu
	Xinyue Kan		Israel Santana
	Amirmahdi Mohammadzadeh	Plant Pathology	Gabriel S. Ortiz
	Shan Sun		Ye Xu
English	Heejoo Park	Political Science	Stephanie DeMora
	Nicole K. Furtado		Igor D. Palhares Acacio
	Stefan Torralba		Sean D. Long
Entomology	Tessa M. Shates	Psychology	Dana Glenn
	Mari A. West		Sarah E. Knapp
Environmental Sciences	Win C. Cowger		Dulce E. Wilkinson
Environmental Toxicology	Qiaoshi Jiang	Religious Studies	Steven Quach
	Edward C. Dominguez	Sociology	Evelyn Pruneda
Ethnic Studies	Romina Garcia		Levin E. Welch
Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology	Samantha T. Levell	Spanish	Nancy E. Naranjo Garcia
	Elisa C. Henderson	Applied Statistics	Suyeon Kang

Faculty Awardees 2021



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Commitment to Graduate Diversity Award





Jimmy Calanchini

Assistant Professor Jimmy Calanchini joined the Department of Psychology in 2018. His research in social psychology focuses on attitudes and how they influence judgement and behavior. Dr. Calanchini is being recognized particularly by his colleagues for his outstanding leadership and mentorship recognition during the recent institutional racism imbedded throughout society. He has founded a new graduate Diversity subfield in and Inequality Psychology, has mentored a diverse set of students in his own lab and has conducted major outreach efforts in the form of informational workshops to CSU and HBCU campuses. These efforts are recognized in the Commitment to Graduate Diversity Award.

Ashok Mulchandani

Ashok Mulchandani Professor is Distinguished Professor in Chemical and Environmental Engineering and the W. Ruel Johnson Chair in Environmental Engineering and the Chair of Material Science and Engineering. His research aims at developing innovations in the areas of nanotechnology and biotechnology. Dr. Mulchandani has mentored over 100 trainees however he is being particularly recognized for excellence in mentorship of international students. Many of these students have gone on to their own successful academic careers. His nominating letters. describe his understanding of their situation and continued mentorship with a balance between women and men in the lab and expression of empathy. These efforts are recognized in the Commitment to Graduate Diversity Award.

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<u>Doctoral Dissertation Advisor</u> Award



Nael B. Abu-Ghazaleh

Nael B. Abu-Ghazaleh is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and is the Chair of the Computer Engineering Program. He has mentored over 20 trainees many of whom have gone on to be successful in industry and academia including seven who are now Assistant Professors. Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh's research focuses on architectural support for computer security, redesigning computer hardware to protect attacks and software patches for improved security. His PhD students have contributed to security fixes for Apple, Windows and Linux systems as well authoring publications. Nael is an ACM Distinguished Scientist (2020), an IEEE Distinguished Visitor (2021-2023) and inducted into the Micro Hall of Fame. Letters from the students of this highly accomplished research also describe his life changing mentorship that continues to be important in their career and which they try to emulate. Several letters describe a wonderful balance between having a high research caliber and strong work ethic while encouraging independent thinking and a humble empathetic nature. The 2021 Doctoral Dissertation Award is made to Professor Nael B. Abu-Ghazaleh for this distinguished track record in mentoring.