

Master's Research Scholarship 2026-2027

Nominations for the Master's Research Scholarship (MRS) will be accepted from February 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.

- The [Master's Research Scholarship](#) directs institutional funding to support recruitment, retention, and timely degree completion for excellent master's students engaged in scholarship advancing the university's goals for research and creative activities (RSCA).
- The MRS provides students with a one-year \$10,000 scholarship that is disbursed through the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, with funds deposited directly into students' my.SDSU accounts at the start of the fall and spring semesters.
- **Note** that the full amount of the award is dependent on other financial aid that the student may have. Students must maintain active matriculated status in a state-side degree program (must be paying for Mandatory Fees) in both semesters to remain eligible for awards.
- The MRS does **not** come with waivers for tuition and/or fees and the scholarship does **not** provide health or other benefits.
- The proposed mentor-student research must be completed during the award period. If a student decides to not engage in the proposed research, the MRS funds will be reclaimed.

Review Process

Criteria for review:

- The nominee's academic achievements to date
- Evidence of research, scholarship, and creative activities accomplishments and potential in the nominee's field
- Quality of the commitment from institutional and external financial sources of support allocated to the nominee

After the nomination period closes, College Deans will review of nominations from their college and recommend **10 finalist nominations** to the Graduate Dean. An advisory committee will advise the Graduate Dean in selecting among finalists for awards.

Important Reminder

Students must be in [Graduate Student Good Standing](#) (academic and professional) to remain eligible for the award. The [Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) and the student's home college will be consulted to ensure that potential awardees are in compliance with the [Student Code of Conduct](#) and/or their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

- ***Award nominees and current awardees:*** A nomination or award is subject to being deemed ineligible if (a) it is determined by CSRR that the student is in violation of the

Student Code of Conduct and/or (b) if the program notifies the College of Graduate Studies that the student has violated their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

This nomination form is to be used by **graduate program advisors only**. Nominations submitted by anyone other than the current advisor/director will not be considered. If you are an advisor/director and you are not on the College of Graduate Studies' advisor list please contact grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu.

The deadline to submit MRS nominations is March 31, 2026. You can find the application and scoring rubric on our [website](#). Our goal is to announce awards by the end of April 2026.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Nominee First Name *

3. Nominee Last Name *

4. Nominee SDSU Email *

As of May 2020, all official student communication must be to the student's SDSU email address. If the email is not available yet (i.e., student has yet to be admitted), please provide the currently available email.

5. Nominee EMPLID *

If you do not know your student's EMPLID, please visit this [webpage](#) for instructions on how to locate it.

6. Nominee GPA *

Undergraduate and/or Post-Bacc

7. Residency Status *

Mark only one oval.

Out of State

International

California

8. Is the nominee a new admit or ongoing student? *

Mark only one oval.

New Admit for 2026-2027

Current, ongoing student

9. Please provide a statement of the nominee's accomplishments and potential in research, scholarship, and creative activities in their chosen field. *

10. Please provide an inventory of the commitment for other external (grants, contracts, fellowships, other scholarships) and/or institutional (academic student employment) financial support allocated to the nominee in AY 2026-2027. Include salary/stipend level and benefits included if available. *

11. Advisor/Director Acknowledgment (must check the box to submit form): *

Check all that apply.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the student nominee is in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct and/or their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

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