

Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship 2026-2027

The Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship (PGRF) opened February 1, 2026 with applications being accepted through March 15, 2026.

- The [Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship](#) is a university-wide competition designed to recruit non-resident graduate students who demonstrate outstanding potential for achievement in their research, scholarship, or creative activities (RSCA). Student nominees must be enrolled (or will be enrolled) in a state-side graduate program (must be paying for Mandatory Fees) to be eligible for the award.
- The award takes the form of a [non-resident tuition](#) waiver (NRTW) in the amount of \$471 per unit charge to nonresidents. This PGRF NRTW is awarded for **one year** of a graduate program at SDSU. This PGRF NRTW may be extended based on the outlined instructions below.
- The PGRF does **not waive** the [Out of State and International Student Fee](#) (for those students who are new admits for 2026-2027, this fee is \$1,554 per semester until graduation).
- The PGRF first year NRTWs will not count towards any graduate program NRTW caps; however, the extended NRTWs will count.

Domestic Non-resident Students:

For domestic students (out of state) and non-resident students the PGRF is intended to serve as a stopgap until the students can establish California residency for tuition purposes. For those non-resident students who apply for California residency but are not yet approved, the NRTW will be extended for a third semester.

For more information about seeking California residency, click [here](#) and scroll to the *Residence Reclassification (Continuing Students Only)* section.

International Students:

International students should check with their program about their NRTW policy.

Graduate Program Advisor/Director

IMPORTANT: For the AY 2026-2027 award cycle, each graduate program will be limited to submitting **five (5) nominees**. Nominees will be accepted in the order they are received.

Review Process

PGRF recipients shall be selected according to the following criteria:

1. Nonresident or international residency status
2. Nomination from graduate program
3. Baccalaureate and post-bacc (if applicable) GPA and other observable indicators of academic achievement
4. Additional evidence of merit, including awards, achievements, departmental recommendation, as shown in the nominee's CV and provided in the nomination

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.

Timeline for award announcements:

There is only one cycle of nominations for the 2026-2027 PGRF:

- **February 1, 2026:** Nomination Form Opens
- **March 15, 2026:** Nomination Form Closes at 11:59 pm
- **End of March/Beginning of April 2026:** Awards announced

Each graduate program will be limited to submitting **five (5) nominees**. Nominees will be accepted in the order they are received.

Note that the nomination form requires that the graduate program advisor/director submit the nominee's CV.

The scoring rubric can be found on our [website](#).

This nomination form is to be used by [graduate program advisor/director](#) 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 list please contact grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu.

** 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 *

Incoming students will no longer be issued RedIDs, and all PeopleSoft queries rely on EMPLIDs. 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

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

Mark only one oval.

☐ New admit for 2026-2027

☐ Current, ongoing student

9. Has this student already been admitted? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Nominee Program Type *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Master's

☐ Doctoral

11. Nominee's CV *

Files submitted:

12. Additional Evidence of Merit *

Merit examples can include, publications, grants, conference presentations, performances, etc. (about 250 words/1,500 characters max.)

13. 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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