

# Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship 2025-2026

The Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship (PGRF) opens February 1, 2025 with applications being accepted through March 31, 2025.

- 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.
- The award takes the form of a non-resident tuition waiver (NRTW) in the amount of \$444 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 2025-2026, this fee is \$1,500 per semester until graduation).
- Please note that, while the PGRF first year NRTWs will not count towards any graduate program NRTW caps, 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.

## 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

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 CGS that the student has violated their program's Graduate Professional Standards.

**Timeline for award announcements:**

We will have **two PGRF award announcement cycles** that will coincide with the university's two admissions cycles.

- **Priority Cycle** will review all applications received **by 11:59 pm on February 28, 2025**, and awards will be announced mid-March 2025.
- **Regular Cycle** will review all applications received **March 1 - March 31, 2025 (11:59 pm)**, and awards will be announced mid-April 2025.

**\*Note that starting this nomination cycle (2025-2026), this form requires that the graduate advisor/program director submit the nominee's CV\*.**

The two cycles are weighted equally, with their only distinction being the dates of review and announcement. **The scoring rubric can be found on our [website](#).**

This nomination is to be used by graduate program advisors or doctoral directors **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 CGS list please contact [grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu](mailto:grad.scholarships@sdsu.edu).

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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2. Nominee First Name \*

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3. Nominee Last Name \*

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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

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5. Nominee EMPLID \*

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

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6. Nominee GPA \*

Undergraduate and/or Post-Bacc

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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 2025-2026

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.

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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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