San Diego State University College of Graduate Studies
University Graduate Fellowship (UGF) Rubric 2026-2027

Criterion	Non-eligible 1	Weak 2	Adequate 3	Promising 4	Outstanding 5
Statement of nominee's accomplishments and potential in research, scholarship, and creative activities (RSCA) in their field.	No information provided regarding RSCA related to the current program of study.	Minimum academic achievement for graduate study at SDSU, and no substantial RSCA accomplishments to date.	Strong general academic achievement, but no substantial RSCA accomplishments to date. Vague professional development plan.***	Clear and specific detail of modest RSCA accomplishments, e.g., research assistant or similar work. Professional development plan for a career in the field.***	Multiple, specific, strong RSCA accomplishments for the field of study, e.g., credited publications or performances. Compelling professional development plan for a highly successful career.***
Commitment of Faculty Co-Sponsor to the nominee during the matching year.	Matching year commitment is less than the $30,000 minimum.	Commitment of only $30,000 stipend in matching year.	Minimal support in matching year committed is $30,000 stipend, **and** either a UGF Scholarship **or** tuition/fees.	Modest support in matching year committed is at least $30,000 stipend **and** UGF Scholarship.	Strong support in matching year is at least $30,000 stipend, UGF Scholarship, **and** tuition/fees.
Elementary evidence of academic merit: SDSU GPA, Baccalaureate GPA, and/or directly relevant prior experience.	GPA provided is <3.0.	Either of the following: weak GPA (3.0 - 3.2) **and** directly relevant prior experience, **or** adequate GPA (3.2 - 3.5) and no directly relevant prior experience.	Both of the following: adequate GPA (3.2 - 3.5) **and** directly relevant prior experience.	At least one of the following: high GPA (3.5 - 3.8) **or** exceptional and directly relevant prior experience.	Both of the following: very high GPA (>3.8) **and** exceptional and directly relevant prior experience.
Average rating of graduate program advisor/director.	---	Minimally meets goal of supporting excellent students who are engaged in RSCA.	Adequately meets goal of supporting excellent students who are engaged in RSCA.	Clearly meets goal of supporting excellent students who are engaged in RSCA.	Very strongly meets goal of supporting excellent students who are engaged in RSCA.
***Relative to program, department/school, and college norms.**					