



Office of the Vice President for Research

CSU VPR Graduate Fellows Program

The Vice President for Research (VPR) Graduate Fellows Program at Colorado State University supports excellence in graduate student research and promotes interdisciplinary work by engaging the best and brightest students from graduate programs across the institution. These VPR Graduate Fellows receive research funding, professional development, networking opportunities, and travel funding aimed at preparing them to become thought leaders. The 2024-25 class of VPR Fellows is anticipated to be announced by the end of April, 2024. Fellows are expected to commit to the program from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with in-person monthly professional development sessions August through April.

More information about the program is available at: <https://www.research.colostate.edu/vpr-graduate-fellowship-program/>.

Fellowship Benefits:

- \$1,250 stipend in the fall and spring semesters (\$2,500 total)
- \$1,500 travel stipend
- Monthly professional development workshops and a summer cohort opportunity
 - 5:00 – 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, August through April

To be eligible for this VPR Fellowship, one must:

1. Be admitted to Graduate School at Colorado State University
2. Enroll for and complete at least 1 Colorado State University credit of graduate work (excluding audits and Continuous Registration) during each semester of fellowship award year.
3. Have earned a 3.0 overall undergraduate grade point average (4.0 = A).
4. Have earned a 3.0 overall grade point average in any previous graduate work.
5. Maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average in graduate work at Colorado State University (regular and non-regular course work).
6. Maintain satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree.
7. Commit to on-going engagement in monthly Colorado State University on-campus professional development activities. Protected time for these sessions is a requirement. Dinner is provided. For students not based in the Fort Collins area, expenses for travel to the professional development sessions are the responsibility of your home department and must be approved prior to submitting your application.

Required Application Package Materials:

The complete application form below and all supporting documentation should be compiled

into a single PDF application package and uploaded electronically by the candidate to the CSU InfoReady Review system by **Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:00 pm MT**, *with the exception of the required letter of supporting reference.

*A separate letter of supporting reference from letter writers must be uploaded electronically to the CSU InfoReady Review system by **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm MT**. Upon submitting your application or clicking “Send Reference Letter Request” on a saved draft application, your supporting reference letter writer will receive an email containing a unique link to a web page where letters may be uploaded. It is strongly suggested that graduate students share the application materials with their mentor and notify them of the need for a letter of supporting reference well in advance of finalizing the VPR Fellowship application.

A complete application package must include:

- **Submitted by Applicant:**
 - **Applicant Form** (with signatures) – see application form template, below
 - **Research Project Summary** (1 page max)
 - **Statement of Interest** (1 page max)
 - **Current CV** (no page limit)
- **Submitted by Reference:**
 - **Letter of Supporting Reference** (2 page max)

To Access the CSU InfoReady Review System for Submission:

1. Use this direct link to the application portal:
<https://colostate.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1927491>
2. You must use your CSU NetID/password to log in.
3. Click “Apply” then complete and upload all required components. You can save your application as a draft prior to submission. Be sure to submit your application. Applications left as “draft” will not be reviewed.

Contact Information:

If you have questions about the VPR Fellowship program, please contact:

Heather Pidcoke, MD, MSCI, PhD

Chief Medical Research Officer, OVPR

Joint Faculty, Department of Clinical Sciences, CVMBS

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Cc: Janice Berning – Janice.Berning@colostate.edu

If you need assistance with the CSU InfoReady Review system, please contact:

Dinaida Egan

Research Acceleration Office (RAO) Director

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CSU VPR Graduate Fellows Application Form

Please complete this application form and all supporting documentation, compile into a single PDF application package, and upload to the CSU InfoReady Review system.

1. PERSONAL DATA

Applicant Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Department and/or Graduate Program: _____

Committee Chair or Direct Supervisor Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Supporting Reference Letter Writer Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

2. EDUCATION (Please start with current degree program.)

| Name of Institution | Attendance (MM/YY) | | Degree Program | |
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| | From | To | Degree | Major/Field of Study |
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CSU Graduate GPA: _____

3. STATEMENT OF SUPPORTING REFERENCE

"I, _____, hereby support _____
Name of Reference *Applicant*

for candidacy as a VPR Fellow. I understand a letter of support must be submitted separately to CSU's InfoReady Review system by **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm MT**, and this letter should address strengths and trajectory of the candidate (e.g. leadership, collaboration, etc.)"

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Reference

4. APPLICACANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

I understand the eligibility and participation requirements of the VPR Fellowship, and will comply therewith if selected.

Signed _____ Date _____
Signature of Applicant

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

As you are creating the PDF for submission to InfoReady Review, please append the following three documents to the end of this form, in this order:

- ☐ Research Project Summary (1 page max).

Please briefly summarize your proposed research project, including research progress to date and future aims.

- ☐ Statement of Interest (1 page max).

Should address how your participation in the VPR Fellowship program will enhance your career and contribute to your opportunities. If you have successes addressing challenges that you are proud of, please feel free to share as a part of this statement.

- ☐ Current CV (no page limit).