



Colorado State University

Office of the Vice President for Research

Request for Applications:

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 **2026–2027 class of VPR Fellows** is anticipated to be announced by the end of April, 2026. Fellows are expected to commit to the program from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, 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:

- \$1,750 stipend in the fall and spring semesters (\$3,500 total)
- \$1,500 travel stipend
- Professional development workshops

To be eligible for this VPR Fellowship, one must:

- Be admitted to the Graduate School at Colorado State University
- Meet all Graduate School requirements, including being enrolled for the duration of each semester of the fellowship award year. Note: students who are only auditing courses or in Continuous Registration status are not eligible for this program.
- Have earned a 3.0 overall undergraduate grade point average (4.0 = A).
- Have earned a 3.0 overall grade point average in any previous graduate work.
- Maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average in graduate work at Colorado State University (regular and non-regular course work).
- Maintain satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree.
- Commit to on-going engagement in Colorado State University on-campus professional development activities. 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 2, 2026, by 5:00 pm MT**, *with the exception of the letter of supporting reference. The system will not accept submissions after 5:00 pm.

*A separate letter of supporting reference from letter writers must be *uploaded electronically* to the *CSU InfoReady Review system* by **Monday, March 9, 2026, by 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 (due March 2, 2026, by 5:00 pm MT):**
 - **Applicant Form** (with signatures) – use blank application form, below
 - **Research Project Summary** (1 page max)
 - **Statement of Interest** (1 page max)
 - **Current CV** (no page limit)
- **Submitted by Reference (due March 9, 2026, by 5:00 pm MT):**
 - **Letter of Supporting Reference** (2 pages max)

To Access the CSU InfoReady Review System for Submission:

- Use this direct link to the application portal:
<https://colostate.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/2005417>
- You must use your CSU NetID/password to log in.
- 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, contact:

Meghan Suter, PhD: Meghan.Suter@colostate.edu

Assistant Vice President for Research, OVPR

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

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Research Acceleration Office (RAO) Director

CSU VPR Graduate Fellows Application Form 2026–2027

Complete: 1) this application form and 2) all supporting documents, described above (Research Project Summary, Statement of Interest, and Current CV). Compile into one single PDF application package and upload to the CSU InfoReady Review system. Please delete the program information provided in the pages above to this form prior to submission.

1. PERSONAL DATA

Applicant Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

CSU Office Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

CSU Email Address: _____

Department and/or Graduate Program: _____

Committee Chair or Direct Supervisor Name: _____

CSU Email Address: _____

Supporting Reference Letter Writer Name: _____

CSU Email Address: _____

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

Name of Institution	Attendance (MM/YY)		Degree Program	
	From	To	Degree (PhD, BS)	Major/Field of Study

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 9, 2026, by 5:00 pm MT**, and this letter should address strengths and trajectory of the candidate (e.g. leadership, collaboration)."

Signed _____

_____ Date _____

Signature of Reference

4. APPLICANT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

I understand the eligibility and participation requirements of the VPR Fellowship, and I 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).