



“The Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship is, by far, the most prestigious and valuable scholarship that I have received. It has been tremendously helpful towards my goal of pursuing a doctoral degree. The award fully covered my pre-doctoral expenses including GRE tests, application fees, and research materials. In fact, the UC campuses that I applied to all waived the application fees just for being a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar!”

**Anthony Gong**  
**San José State University**  
**2014-15 Scholar**  
**Current Ph.D. student in**  
**Aeronautical Engineering at UC Davis**

“This year has been truly transformative in various ways, as a person, student and as a member of the CSU and Latino community. Throughout this past year, I have experienced great personal growth, I have become more professional and confident in myself as a person and as a scholar.”



**Cinthia Campos**  
**California State University, Los Angeles**  
**2017-18 Scholar**  
**Current Ph.D. student in Archaeology at**  
**Binghamton University**

For more information you may contact your campus Graduate Studies Office or your campus Pre-Doctoral Coordinator.

**[www.calstate.edu/predoc](http://www.calstate.edu/predoc)**

The Pre-Doctoral application may be downloaded from **[www.calstate.edu/predoc/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/predoc/apply)** or obtained from your campus coordinator.

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# I AM A CSU SALLY CASANOVA PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLAR



**The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase diversity within the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of students in the CSU.**

# THE CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The California Pre-Doctoral Program awards funds to a limited amount of juniors, seniors and graduate students in the CSU system. These funds are designed to enable current students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs in their chosen field of study. Students who are chosen for this prestigious award are designated Sally Casanova Scholars as a tribute to Dr. Sally Casanova, for whom the Pre-Doctoral scholarship is named.

Applicants to the California Pre-Doctoral Program must be upper-division or master's degree students who are enrolled at a CSU institution as of Spring term and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester, or two quarter terms, of the following academic year.

Applicants must be enrolled in a matriculated degree program at a California State University campus at the time of application. Current or previous Pre-Doctoral Scholars are not eligible to reapply. Each applicant must have a faculty sponsor from the student's home campus who will be available for the duration of the plan specified in the application. The program is designed for students interested in obtaining a research doctorate. International students or students interested in obtaining a professional degree (law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy), or an MBA degree, for example, are not eligible.

CSU faculty members are an integral component of this program and will work closely with Sally Casanova Scholars to plan for graduate studies.

Any CSU faculty member may identify and sponsor promising upper-division undergraduate or master's degree students to the Pre-Doctoral Program. As a student adviser, the faculty member may guide the scholar through the program, or accompany them to UC and other doctoral-granting campuses for site visits. In addition, advisers may take students to national symposia, or professional meetings, exposing them to their field of interest. The adviser may also help acquaint applicants with information about academic careers, identify appropriate journal subscriptions and learning experiences, as well as ensure that they are prepared for doctoral study.

## SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

The California Pre-Doctoral Program provides scholars with an opportunity to participate in a fully funded summer research experience at a University of California campus or other U.S. major research university. This allows the scholar to participate in doctoral-level research prior to enrolling in a Ph.D. program.

Past recipients of summer research experiences speak enthusiastically about how exciting and valuable the experience was for them. They particularly emphasize how these experiences connected them with essential contacts who helped with graduate school admissions or the assembling of dissertation committees. These experiences also aided Scholars in assessing their readiness for, and expectations concerning, doctoral study.

"Being a Sally Casanova scholar made me feel secure and comfortable and I was able to significantly reduce my stress, a factor that is very prevalent during the application process."



**Hugo Sanchez Hernandez**  
**California State University, Long Beach**  
**2017-18 Scholar**  
**Current Ph.D. student in Psychology at UC Irvine**

"The Sally Casanova scholarship has played a tremendous role in my academic and professional development. Not only has this program molded me into a competitive applicant, but it has also assisted me with my transition into a doctoral program with summer research funding. As a student with a physical disability, it has been a true benefit and privilege to partake in such a prestigious program."



**Marina Nakhla**  
**California State University, Northridge**  
**2017-18 Scholar**  
**Current Ph.D. student in Clinical Psychology/  
Neuropsychology at UC San Diego/  
San Diego State University**

## SALLY CASANOVA SCHOLARS WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- Visits to doctoral-granting institutions to explore opportunities for doctoral study.
- Travel to national symposia or professional meetings in their chosen field, and other related activities such as membership in professional organizations and journal subscriptions.
- Graduate school applications and test fees.
- Participating in a summer research experience at a doctoral-granting institution to receive exposure to the world of research in their chosen field.