

Multi-Year Pinto-Fialon Graduate Fellowships Available for Portuguese Students

Graduate Division and the Portuguese Studies Program announce the availability of multi-year fellowships for new graduate students supported by the Arturo Pinto-Annette Fialon Endowment. Arturo Pinto immigrated to the US from Portugal at age 16, earned a high school degree at night while working manual jobs, then attended Berkeley, graduated, and enjoyed a successful career as a chemist. Annette Fialon, also a Portuguese immigrant, taught French at Berkeley High School for many years. Their generous bequests to the University now make it possible for Portuguese and Portuguese-American students to attend Berkeley.

Students entering full-time in regular graduate degree programs at UC Berkeley who are Portuguese (defined as Portuguese citizens) or of Portuguese descent (defined as having at least one Portuguese grandparent) are eligible. Students must be accepted into a regular PhD or Masters degree program through the regular competitive application process to be eligible for a Pinto-Fialon fellowship.

The fellowship covers regular university registration fees, nonresident tuition (if applicable), and a stipend.* The fellowship is awarded for one year, renewable as follows: For PhD students, the fellowship can be renewed once upon verification that the student is making good progress towards her degree, and for PhD programs with a normative time of four years or more, the fellowship can be renewed a second time upon advancement to candidacy, for a total of three years of full support. For masters students, the fellowship is renewable once (upon verification that the student is making good progress towards her degree) for a total of two years support. In cases where partial funding is available from other sources, the Pinto-Fialon funds can be used to “top-up” a financial aid offer to make it more competitive.

Students must be nominated by the departments recommending them for admission to the graduate program. The application should consist of

- (1) a cover letter from the departmental admissions committee chair or other designated faculty member stating the following:
 - a. that the applicant qualifies as a Portuguese citizen or is a US citizen of Portuguese descent (defined as having at least one Portuguese grandparent),
 - b. that the department has recommended the student for admission to a graduate degree program,
 - c. what other sources of financial support have been secured or are anticipated for the student,
 - d. and evaluating the applicant’s academic potential.

- (2) Copies of the following elements of the admissions application form:
 - a. statement of purpose,
 - b. statement of research interest (if required by the department),

* Professional Degree Fees or fees for self-supporting programs are not covered by the award. In cases where the department assesses such fees, the nominating department must commit to paying those fees for the student.

- c. reference letters,
- d. GRE scores (if GREs are required by the nominating department),
- e. transcripts from previous university studies (photocopies acceptable).

Complete nomination packages should be submitted *by the departments admitting the Portuguese students* to the Institute for European Studies, 207 Moses Hall, University of California, Berkeley 94720. Mark envelopes attention "Pinto-Fialon Graduate Fellowships." The deadline is the first Monday in February, for the next year's admissions cycle.

The Portuguese Studies Program will review applications and recommend awards to the Graduate Division, contingent upon the student's successful admission to the department. The actual awards each year will depend on projections of funds available in the coming years and the applications received, but PSP anticipates one or two new full multi-year fellowship awards per year or a larger number of awards if some are partial awards or students are US citizens and will become in-state residents.