



Request for Waiver of Graduate Application Fee

U.S. citizens or permanent residents who demonstrate financial need are eligible for a waiver of the application fee. Participants in any of the programs listed below who provide evidence of their participation will be granted a waiver automatically. To request a waiver, please complete this form and submit it with the required supporting materials by **January 15, 2013**. Fee waivers submitted without the appropriate documentation will be denied. You will find instructions and a description of required supporting documents on the next page. **Note: This form MUST be received by the deadline. Forms submitted after the deadline will not be considered.**

Personal Information

Applicant Name _____ US Social Security Number:* _____
Last Name First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Postal/Zip Code

Birthdate: _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Please check appropriate box: U.S. Citizen Permanent resident; alien registration number _____

Applying for: Fall 2013 Program or area of concentration: _____

Fee Waiver Option 1: Program Participation

If you are currently participating in one of the following programs, please select the program and attach evidence of your participation in such program.

- AGEP CAMP CSU Pre-Doctoral Program GEM Louis Stokes Bridges Doctorate Program
 MBRS McNair Scholars Program MESA MARC UC DIGSS UC LEADs

Fee Waiver Option 2: Financial Aid

Students who are currently enrolled in a college or university and receive need-based financial aid may be eligible for a fee waiver. Attach one of the following:

Are you a current UC Merced Student?

- Yes *Additional documentation is NOT required if you have already completed a FAFSA for the current academic year.
- No. Must attach one of the following:
- An official award letter for the current academic year. A copy of a university Student Aid Report (SAR) will NOT be accepted.
 - A letter from your current institution verifying the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) signed by a Financial Aid Officer.

I understand that my application fee may be waived based on the information that I have provided. I certify that all the information I have provided is true and complete.

Print Name Signature Date

*Pursuant to Section 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974, you are notified that disclosure of your social security number on this form is mandatory. The number is used to link your waiver application to the Graduate Division admissions record system. This record-keeping system was established before 1975, pursuant to the authority of the Regents of the University of California under Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of California.

THIS SECTION IS FOR THE GRADUATE DIVISION USE ONLY

Approved Denied Pending: _____

Date notification sent: _____ Authorized by: _____

Applying for an Application Fee Waiver

To be eligible for an application fee waiver, you **MUST** be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

1. Please complete the Request for Waiver of Graduate Application Fee, including the appropriate fee waiver option.
2. Sign, date, and return this form by **January 15, 2013** to the Graduate Division at the address listed below along with the necessary verification.

Fee Waiver Options

Fee Waiver Option 1: Program Participation

If you have participated in one of the following programs, please select the program and attach evidence of your participation in such program: AGEP, CAMP, the CSU Pre-Doctoral Program, GEM, Louis Stokes Bridges Doctorate Program, MBRS, McNairs Scholars Program, MESA, MARC, UC DIGSS, and UC Leads

Participation **MUST** be within the last 2 academic years. Please submit *verification of participation* in the program, such as a letter bearing the original signature of the program director or adviser, or a copy of the current contract. You do not need to submit financial information.

If you are not a participant in any of these programs, you must demonstrate financial need to be eligible for a Fee Waiver.

Fee Waiver Option 2: Financial Aid

Students who are currently enrolled in a college or university and receive need-based financial aid may be eligible for a fee waiver. Attach one of the following:

1. **A statement of need from a financial aid officer at the college or university that you are *currently attending*.** This statement must include your *Estimated Student or Family Contribution (EFC)*. Your financial aid officer must sign and date the statement before you submit it to us. A photocopy or facsimile of signatures is not acceptable.
2. **An official award letter for the current year.** A copy of a university Student Aid Report (SAR) will NOT be accepted.

Current UC Merced students – if you have completed a FAFSA for the current academic year, you are NOT required to submit a statement of need or official award letter.

The form **MUST** be received by January 15, 2013. **If you apply for a waiver, do NOT pay the application fee unless your waiver request is denied.**

Submission

The Request for Waiver of Graduate Application Fee and supporting documents (if applicable) must be submitted to the Graduate Division at:

University of California, Merced
Attn: Graduate Division – KL#227
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343