Dan David Solar Fellowship  
AY 2015-16

Purpose

In 2007, Sarah R. Kurtz was one of the prestigious awardees of the Dan David Prize Laureate for her work toward the development of concentration solar power systems using multi-junction solar cells. Kurtz helped pioneer the multi-junction solar cell used by most space satellites and NASA’s Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity. It was her desire to establish the Dan David Solar Fellowship, the first of its kind, to support graduate students working in the area of concentrating solar power systems.

Eligibility Requirements & Standards

• Preference will be given to continuing graduate students in a solar energy field, specifically concentrating on solar power systems using multi-junction solar cells.
• Preference will be given to those who show academic excellence and a clear desire to pursue a career in solar energy.
• All continuing graduate students are eligible, regardless of citizenship.
• GPA ≥ 3.0 and good academic standing.

Financial Support

• Two or more fellowship awards will be made each academic year.
• Each award will be up to $4,000, depending on funds available and amount of awards made.
• Must be enrolled in 12 units before award will be disbursed.

Student Loan Impact

• Per federal guidelines, all fellowship and tuition support is taken into consideration when determining student loan eligibility. If the student will receive federal student loans during the same academic year as this award, please note that this award could, and most likely will, reduce their student loan eligibility.

Application & Review Procedures

• Apply by completing an online application at https://gradopportunities.ucmerced.edu/grad
• Must include CV and unofficial UCM transcripts.
• Each application must include a one-page personal statement that speaks to your solar research, accomplishments to date, and long-term goals.
• Student must complete an application by August 31, 2015.
• The fellowship committee will review all complete applications based on the criteria above. However, please note, incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Awardees will be announced during the Fall semester.