Southern California Edison Fellowship  
AY2016-17

Purpose

The University of California, Merced is committed to the recruitment, admission, and retention of a high quality graduate student population. The Southern California Edison Fellowship is intended to support the STEM Ph.D. students pursuing research in the areas of water, energy and/or the environment. These areas may include, but are not limited to, the research focus areas of the Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI).

Eligibility Requirements & Standards

- All Ph.D. students are eligible, regardless of citizenship.
- Only Ph.D. students in a doctoral program with research interests in water, energy and/or the environment are eligible.
- Good academic standing, enrolled in 12 units and GPA above 3.0.
- Awardee information may be shared with Southern California Edison, including but not limited to: name, award amount, UCM email address and program/research interest.

Financial Support

- Recipients will receive a fellowship for one or more of the following semesters/terms, as follows:

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<th>Term</th>
<th>Fellowship</th>
<th>Tuition &amp; Fees</th>
<th>Campus Based Fees</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>$9,421 paid over 4-mo</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
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<td>Summer*</td>
<td>$12,561 lump-sum</td>
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*Summer awards will disburse after the spring semester/term to support the student over the months of June, July & August.

- The submitted personal statement should include the requested semesters/terms of support, indicating priority for one or two semesters/terms. Only in rare circumstances will a fellow receive support for all three semesters/terms.

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.
Award & Review Procedures

- Apply by completing an online application at [https://gradopportunities.ucmerced.edu/grad](https://gradopportunities.ucmerced.edu/grad)
- Each application must include a one-page personal statement that speaks to how this award will help the student achieve their research/educational goals. Special consideration will be given to students whose research and/or extracurricular activities contribute to the areas of water, energy and/or the environment.
- Must include at least one letter of support from a UCM faculty member.
- Must include unofficial UCM transcripts.
- Review of applications will begin on **August 8, 2016**. Priority will be given to students who apply by that date, including their letters of recommendation.
- A special SCE committee of faculty will review all complete applications. However, please note, incomplete applications will not be reviewed.