



## Southern California Edison Fellowship AY2017-18

### 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 Ph.D. students in the STEM fields.

### Eligibility Requirements & Standards

- All Ph.D. students are eligible, regardless of citizenship.
- Only Ph.D. students in a doctoral program with a research interest in a STEM field (see attached specific list)
- 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:

| Term    | Fellowship             | Tuition & Fees | Campus Based Fees |
|---------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Fall    | \$9,799 paid over 4-mo | \$7,636.87     | Not Included      |
| Spring  | \$9,799 paid over 4-mo | \$7,783.42     | Not Included      |
| Summer* | \$13,065 lump-sum      | N/A            | N/A               |

\*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>
- Each application must include a one-page personal statement that speaks to how this award will help the student achieve their research/educational goals.
- Must include at least one letter of support from a UCM faculty member.
- Must include unofficial UCM transcripts.
- Applications are due by **Monday, August 14, 2017**, including the letter of recommendation.
- A special SCE committee of faculty will review all complete applications. However, please note, incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**Only Ph.D. students in a doctoral program with a research interest in the following STEM fields will be considered for the Southern California Edison Fellowship:**

- **Business**
  - Management Information Systems
- **Computer and Information Services**
  - Computer Programming
  - Computer Science
  - Information Systems
  - Information Technology
- **Engineering**
  - Bioengineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - Electrical and Communication
  - Industrial Engineering
  - Materials Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Nuclear Engineering
  - Software Engineering
  - Nano Engineering
- **Mathematics**
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Mathematics
  - Statistics
- **Engineering Technology**
  - Computer Engineering Technology
  - Construction Technology
  - Drafting and Design Technology
  - Electrical Engineering Technology
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology
  - Surveying Technology
  - Telecommunication Technology
- **Natural Resources and Conservation**
  - Environmental Science
  - Environmental Studies
  - Forestry
  - National Resources and Conservation
  - Wildlife and Wilderness Management
- **Physical Sciences**
  - Applied Physics
  - Applied Chemistry
  - Chemistry
  - Geology/Earth Science
  - Geophysics
  - Physics
  - Comprehensive Science