



## 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, 2015**. 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 2015 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.

- CAMP  GEM  Louis Stokes Bridges Doctorate Program  MARC  MBRS  
 McNair Scholars Program  MESA  RISE  UC DIGSS  UC LEADs

### Fee Waiver Option 2: Financial Aid

Students who have received financial aid from their current university may be eligible for a fee waiver. Attach one of the following:

**Are you a current a UC Merced Student?**  Yes \*Additional documentation is NOT required if you have already completed a FAFSA for the current academic year.  No

- 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.

### Fee Waiver Option 3: Household Income

- US federal tax return for the 2014 calendar year attached.  
 My filing status is  Dependent (listed on parents' tax return)  
 Independent (filing my own tax return)

Applicant Family Size	Gross Income
1	\$20,147
2	\$27,214
3	\$34,281
4	\$41,348
5 or more	\$48,415

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 personal information on the Request for Waiver of Graduate Application Fee. Check the program box on the Request for Waiver form, as appropriate.
2. Sign, date, and return this form by **January 15, 2015** 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 are currently participating 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

Participants **MUST** submit *verification of participation* in the program for the **current year**, 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. Financial need is related to family income and size and is based on a federal formula, which calculates a dollar amount available for educational expenses.

### Fee Waiver Option 2: Financial Aid

Students who have received financial aid from their current university 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.

### Fee Waiver Option 3: Household Income

Household size is determined by the number of people you report or claim on your income tax forms for the previous year. If you are claimed as a dependent, your household size is determined by the total number of people claimed on that tax form. If you are independent and have no earned income, you must document how you supported yourself for the past year and why you do not have sufficient funds to pay the application fee.

1. **Tax documents** - A copy of your parent's or guardian's most recent federal income tax return, if you are listed as a dependent. If you are independent, please submit a copy of your most recent federal income tax return. If your circumstances are unusual and you think that information provided by the documents listed above will not accurately reflect your financial situation, you may also submit a detailed letter describing how the information provided in the supporting documents does not reflect your current economic, social, or educational situation.

*Please mail this form with the supporting materials to:*

UC Merced  
Graduate Division  
5200 N. Lake Road  
Merced, CA 95343  
Attn: Fee Waiver

The form **MUST** be received by January 15, 2015. **If you apply for a waiver, do NOT pay the application fee unless your waiver request is denied by the Waiver Officer.**