

UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowships

Applications for 2016-17 now Open

In support of the University of California's commitment to a smoke and tobacco free UC and its critical role in developing research, public health and policy solutions for the rapidly evolving "smoking" landscape particularly among youth and young adults, the UC Systemwide Smoke and Tobacco Free Task force is soliciting applications for 2016-17 UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowships. The purpose of these awards is to help foster the next generation of leaders to reduce the harms and social costs from smoking and use of tobacco products worldwide.

A total of four fellowships of \$12,000 each will be awarded across the system. These fellowships are non-need-based and intended to support undergraduate or graduate student smoke and tobacco free projects or research on at least four of the ten UC campuses.

Below is background on these awards, a description of fellowship requirements, eligibility information, application requirements, review criteria and instructions on how to apply.

Background and Rationale

UC's landmark [Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy](#) resulted in healthier environments at all UC campuses and medical centers since January 2014. UC is the home for faculty who are international and national leaders in tobacco control research and services, with many notable achievements. UC was the genesis of the first international treaty focused on health, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The transdermal nicotine patch, a cornerstone of tobacco cessation therapy, was developed and patented at UC. While cigarette smoking rates have declined, tobacco-related diseases remain the number one killer of people throughout the world, in the United States and here in California. Confounding this phenomenon is the evolution of a rapidly changing and diverse "smoking" landscape with variation in use patterns among different populations. New tobacco and nicotine products, such as electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and hookah have proliferated and there has been a growing intersection with the use of marijuana.

To meet the research, public health and policy challenges presented by this rapidly changing and diverse "smoking" landscape, a generation of new leadership is required throughout UC. UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Student Fellowship recipients, with mentorship from our world-class faculty, will begin their development as future leaders in this new era working to ensure a smoke and tobacco free UC, California, U.S. and world.

Fellowship Requirements

1. Conduct a one year project

Fellows will conduct a smoke and tobacco free project or relevant research project to be completed within the one year duration of the award. Please note that recipients of these awards will begin their effort on July 1, 2016. Examples of types of projects or research include:

- a. Campus awareness and engagement
 - Creative projects that engage the campus community and raise awareness of tobacco and nicotine products and their impact on health and the environment
- b. Wellness and health
 - Projects that target reductions in smoking and tobacco use among students, staff, faculty, patients and/or communities
- c. UC smoke and tobacco free policy enforcement
 - Projects that design and pilot feasible and effective enforcement strategies for the UC smoke and tobacco free policy
- d. Basic science projects
 - Projects focused on physical, biological or psychological characteristics of tobacco and nicotine products, their use, and their effects

2. Identify and meet regularly with a faculty mentor

Faculty mentors must provide a written commitment and recommendation as part of the application. Faculty mentors are not required to be actively working in tobacco control related areas, but may be paired with other UC faculty with expertise in tobacco control. If needed, systemwide task force members are available to assist applicants identify faculty mentors ([here is a list of campus contacts](#)).

3. Participate in a systemwide curriculum on tobacco, tobacco control, new products, and emerging intersections with other substances conducted via webinar

The Systemwide Tobacco and Smoke Free Task Force will offer a series of webinars that will provide the fellows with current trends and research in tobacco, tobacco control, and emerging new products and trends.

4. Participate in their local campus and systemwide smoke and tobacco free task forces

The Fellow will be required to participate with their campus smoke and tobacco free task force and as indicated, to join teleconferences and meetings of the systemwide task force.

5. Prepare and Present a Final Report

Fellows will be expected to prepare a written final report of their project by the end of the spring quarter 2017 and present it at a systemwide meeting at one of the UC campuses. This report should detail the actual work and accomplishments of the fellow over the course of the year. It should also

include a plan for the dissemination of results and findings to inform both the systemwide community and potentially the state of California as a whole.

Eligibility

All undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled full-time at one of the University of California campuses are eligible to apply for these student fellowships. *Undergraduates are particularly encouraged to apply for this unique opportunity to become engaged with an evolving issue with local, national and global significance.*

Application Requirements

1. Application face page with student and faculty mentor contact information
2. Project summary describing the proposed project including the following specific information (750 word maximum for undergraduates and 1200 word maximum for graduate students):
 - a. Goal of the project
 - b. Significance of the project
 - c. Approach/methods for the project
3. A statement describing the personal or career-related reasons for choosing the project (750 word maximum)
4. Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
5. A letter of recommendation and commitment from the faculty mentor
6. A copy of the student's email message notifying the local campus smoke and tobacco free task force that they are interested in applying for this fellowship ([here is a list of campus contacts](#)).

Review Criteria

Fellow applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Originality of the project
2. Perceived impact on advancing UC smoke and tobacco free goals, projects and/or research at the campus and/or systemwide level
3. Feasibility of successfully completing the project on time
4. Possibility of expansion of the project to the system, local, national or global level
5. Strength of mentor's recommendation and support

It is the applicant's responsibility to review the criteria and provide all required information.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted electronically. To start your application:

1. [Download](#) the [step-by-step instructions](#) on how to apply.
2. If you have already started your application, go to this link on proposalCENTRAL (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/>).

Call for applications released	April 27, 2016
Application deadline	12:00 noon PST, Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Announcement of awards	Week of June 6, 2016
Fellowships begin	July 1, 2016
Fellowships to be completed	June 30, 2017

For questions about Student Fellowships, please contact Phillip Gardiner at Phillip.gardiner@ucop.edu or directly at (510) 987-9853.

If your questions are about the application process or using proposalCentral, please contact Nancy Chamberlain at nancy.chamberlain@ucop.edu or directly at (510) 987-9047.