

The Irving H. Wiesenfeld, the Kathleen L. Miller and the Sidney Mac Donald Russell Family Graduate Fellowships

The purpose of the Irving H. Wiesenfeld, the Kathleen L. Miller and the Sidney Mac Donald Russell Family Graduate Fellowships is to support UC Berkeley graduate students of high distinction involved in the study of emerging and neglected infectious diseases, including basic science, discovery of effective treatments, diagnostics, and vaccines, or policy, law, economics in national or global health. The fellowship can be used to support research expenses or equipment that is not covered through the applicant's PI, travel to conferences, a campaign with the UCB drug discovery center to develop starting points for novel therapeutics, and scientific or scholarly exchange between UC Berkeley and researchers in disease-endemic countries. Through the fellowship, awards of up to \$5,000 will be made to qualified individuals. **This fellowship is not intended to subsidize or replace pre-existing funding from the applicants lab.**

In addition to receiving the funds for their professional development, fellows will also participate in the CEND fellowship research seminar in May 2025, giving them an opportunity to showcase their current research and practice their presentation and networking skills. They will also join the broader CEND community, which will open them up to access to CEND faculty, mentorship, and other CEND-related opportunities throughout the year. CEND fellows are required to write a one page report to the donors explaining how the funds were used to support their professional development.

Eligible Applicants

Masters or Doctoral (PhD) students in any discipline, including but not limited to the life sciences, chemistry, engineering, environmental sciences, math and information sciences, economics, business, policy, and public health are eligible for the fellowship. To apply, you must be mentored by a UC Berkeley affiliated investigator. Individuals from communities underrepresented in the biomedical and public health sectors are particularly encouraged to apply.

To Apply

Submit a complete application package by **April 30th, 2024**. As part of the application, you must write about your current research project(s) and develop a proposal on what you intend to do with the funding, including a budget and an explanation of how it will support your professional development. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of CEND faculty members and awards will be announced in May 2024.

To apply, email the following materials to cend@berkeley.edu by midnight on **April 30th, 2024**:

- Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages).
- Current Research (1 page): project background, aims, methods, and technical and health significance.
- Professional Development Proposal (½ page).
- Budget (½ page): all expected expenses related to professional development costs. This can be for a side research project or software/equipment reagents not funded through your PIs lab, travel to a conference or for a research exchange, etc.
- Recommendation (1 paragraph) from faculty mentor.

Evaluation will be based on technical merit, relevance of current research to CEND's vision and mission, and the applicant's ability to articulate how this funding will support their long-term career goals and professional development.

For more information visit <http://cend.globalhealth.berkeley.edu/fellowships/> or send an e-mail at cend@berkeley.edu