GRADUATE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Graduate Students,

As the Dean of Graduate Studies & Research here at CSUSM, it brings me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome back to each one of you.The start of a new academic year is a time for renewal, growth, and fresh opportunities. Whether you are returning to continue your journey or embarking on a new chapter in your graduate studies, know that you are an integral part of our vibrant academic community.

Our faculty and staff have been diligently preparing to provide you with the highest quality education, resources, and support as you pursue your academic and professional aspirations. Together, we will strive for excellence, innovation, and collaboration in all aspects of your graduate experience.

I encourage you to seize every opportunity, engage in meaningful research, foster new connections, and embrace the challenges that lie ahead. Your dedication and passion inspire us, and I am confident that you will make a lasting impact, both in your field of study and within our university community.

Stay tuned for upcoming events, workshops, and initiatives designed to enhance your graduate journey. Feel free to reach out to our dedicated team at the Office of Graduate Studies & Research for any assistance you may need throughout the semester.

Wishing you a productive and rewarding fall semester ahead!

Sincerely,

Charles De Leone, Ph.D.
Dean of Graduate Studies & Research

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Important Fall 2023 Dates

September 11
Last day to file a Graduate Leave of Absence

September 24
Last day to drop class(es) with no academic record for courses in the full session of the term (i.e. students must submit withdrawal petition in order to officially withdraw from courses after 11:59pm PST on Sep 25)

After September 25
Withdrawal from course(s) require approval and may be granted by petition for serious and compelling reasons only

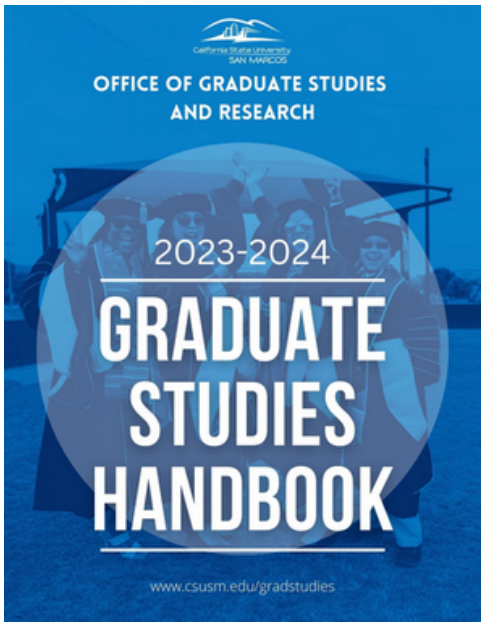
November 1
Deadline to Apply to Graduate through MyCSUSM if you will be completing your program/degree requirements this Fall 2023

November 17
Last day to Withdraw from Fall semester with an approved serious & compelling reason (not eligible for a refund).

January 5, 2024
Fall 2023 official grades available on MyCSUSM.

***For additional important Fall 2023 deadlines, click here.**

Note: Academic Programs operated through Extended Learning have refund policies that do not necessarily coincide with the University Add/Drop period. In addition, courses that are less than 16 weeks will have a different refund policy. Please refer to that terms Enrollment Calendar and Extended Learning for specific details.



Graduate Studies Handbook

The Graduate Studies Handbook outlines key university policies for general graduate school requirements and timelines. It is very important for you to become knowledgeable of these policies and attend to them as you progress through your graduate program curriculum. It is meant to go hand-in- hand with the University Catalog and your own Graduate Program's policies.

The handbook can be accessed online **here.**

17th Annual Graduate Studies Orientation and Mixer



Dean De Leone, Stephanie Williams, Beatriz Ortiz, Vice Provost Oling-Sisay

The Graduate Studies Orientation and Mixer is an event designed to introduce newly admitted graduate students to their academic program, campus resources, faculty, and students. On August 23rd, we welcomed our new graduate students to the Fall 2023 semester. The event included campus tours, a resource fair, Convocation Ceremony, and program breakout sessions.

A special highlight of the program came from our two alumni speakers who shared their journey as graduate students and gave tips for success.

Beatriz Ortiz earned her BS in Speech-Language Pathology from CSUSM in 2019 and then completed her MS in Speech-Language in Spring of 2021. She now works for a school district in Hemet as a speech-language pathologist.

Stephanie Williams earned her BA in Communications from CSUSM in 2017 and then completed her MA in History in Fall of 2021. She has joined the First Year and University Programs department as a lecturer.

Policy Spotlight



Continuous Enrollment Requirement and Time-Limit to Degree

Conditionally Classified or Classified graduate students must be continuously enrolled unless an authorized Request for Graduate Student Leave of Absence has been granted by the program and filed with the Office of Registration and Records. No more than two (2) semesters can be excused through authorized leaves of absence. Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment are dropped from the graduate program and must reapply to the university and the graduate program to be considered for reinstatement.

Requirements for the master's degree are to be finished within five (5) years following admission as a Conditionally Classified or Classified graduate student at CSUSM. Authorized leaves of absence do not extend the time limit for completion of the master's degree.

Professional Advancement Travel

Professional Advancement Travel resources are available to CSUSM Stateside faculty, non-MPP staff, and students, to support the individual professional development that is in alignment with CSUSM's mission and vision.

Travel dates must occur from October 2023 through May 2024 and awards are up to $2000 of allowable costs.

Application Deadline: September 18, 2023

For application instructions and more information, visit the Professional Advancement Travel **website**.



Academic Requirements Report (ARR)

Students have access to all their academic information and progress through the **Academic Requirements Report (AAR)** found in the Student Center of their on-line MyCSUSM account. The ARR lists all your program requirements needed to complete your degree and students are encouraged to run the report often to ensure timely progression.

To access your ARR:

1. Log into your Student Services Center through your MyCSUSM account.
2. Select the Academic Requirements link to run the report.

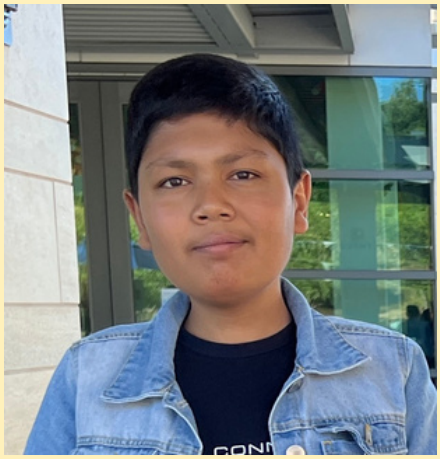
For assistance or correction on the ARR, please contact your Faculty Graduate Coordinator.

Graduate Representatives Council

The Graduate Representatives Council (GRC) brings a unified voice to graduate students and provides support for graduate student issues and concerns in collaboration with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR). In addition, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research may seek advice from the GRC regarding graduate student issues that would benefit from the council's feedback to provide student-driven solutions to improve the graduate student experience at CSUSM. Each graduate program is represented by a current (enrolled) graduate or professional student who updates the board on current news and community interest.

The GRC is looking for additional executive board members as well as students to serve as representatives for your program. Contact csusmgrc@gmail.com for more information.

Meet Your 2023-2024 GRC Officers



President
Kanav Aggarwa
Biotechnology - MBT



Vice President
Jocelyne Dates
Biological Sciences – MS



Treasurer
Kendrix Reynolds
History - MA

Upcoming September Events

Cross-Cultural Center Open House
September 13th | 10am – 3pm | USU 3400

Cougar Cinema
September 13th | 7 – 9:30pm | USU AMPHITHEATER

Latinx Heritage Month Welcome and Family Reception
September 14th | 6 – 8pm | USU 2300 Full Ballroom

Health and Wellness Fair
September 19th |12 – 2pm | USU 2300 Full Ballroom

Drag Queen Bingo
September 29th | 5:30 – 7:30pm |USU 2300 Full Ballroom



For more events,
visit the **University Calendar**

The California State University
CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

THE CHANCELLOR'S DOCTORAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Pre-Doctoral Program and the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program

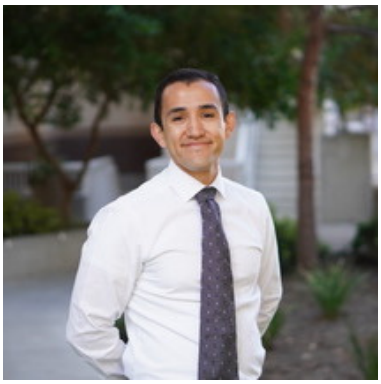
The application windows for the 2024-2025 **Pre-Doctoral Program (Sally Casanova)** and **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)** will soon be launching! These application periods are set to open in late Fall, making this the ideal moment to explore these valuable funding prospects.

Both opportunities involve a multi-stage application procedure, so it's essential to commence your planning early if you have a keen interest in applying

Refer to our **Pre-Doctoral website** and **CDIP website** for more details including application processes, upcoming information sessions, and deadlines.

2023-2024 CDIP Fellows

Congratulations to our **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)** awardees!
This prestigious program prepares promising doctoral students for CSU faculty positions by providing financial support, mentorship by CSU faculty, professional development and grant resources.



Juan R. Sandoval
Criminology, Law and Society Doctoral Candidate,
University of California, Irvine
CSUSM Faculty Mentor: Dr. Xuan Santos



Demeturie Toso-Lafaele Gogue
Education Doctoral Candidate,
University of California, Los Angeles
CSUSM Faculty Mentor: Dr. Theresa Suarez

Meet the Grad Studies Team!

In partnership with your program's faculty and staff, the team at the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) are eager to support you in your academic success. Should you have any questions, contact us at **gradstudies@csusm.edu**



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Nam Nguyen, M.Ed.
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