Admissions webinar
Program Overview

- Professional Master’s degree program
- Offered in 12-months or two years
  - 12-month track has supplemental application requirement
- Comprehensive exam (similar to portfolio)
  - Practicum Proposal & Report
  - Professional Development Plan
  - Policy Clinic Report
- Hands-on, experiential learning
- Research not a formal requirement, but can be pursued
- Cohort sizes between 30-40 students
Program Highlights

What makes UC Davis stand out

- Proximity to Sacramento
- Networking opportunities between EPM alumni, external partners and students
- Expert faculty and interdisciplinary nature of UCD

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Deadlines

- Priority (January 15) and space-available deadline (April 15)
  - Applicants who apply by this deadline will receive priority review for admissions and fellowships.
  - Space available means if there is already a full cohort your application may not be reviewed.
- Internal (Grad Studies) fellowship deadline is also January 15

Required application materials

- Statement of Purpose
- Personal History/ Diversity Statement
- Transcripts (unofficial is fine for the application)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
  - Must be uploaded by the recommender
- Resume or CV
- TOEFL scores (international students, some exceptions may apply)
- Prerequisite Course History Form (if non-STEM major)
- Application fee
Q: Do you require the GRE?
A: No.

Q: Do you offer application fee waivers?
A: The program does not. Grad Studies offers waivers to students who’ve completed certain prep programs.

Q: When do all my supporting materials need to be submitted?
A: No later than January 21.

Q: When will I receive my admissions notification?
A: Generally, mid-to-late February for students who apply by the January 15 deadline. If you apply by April 15, usually end of May to early June. If you have a GPA less than 3.0, this timeline is extended.

Q: Can I get a waiver for the TOEFL?
A: If you’re an international student that meets the following criteria, you are eligible to waive the TOEFL requirement. If you’ve earned:
   ● A Bachelors, Masters or PhD at a regionally accredited US college or university where English is the sole language of instruction
   ● Or a foreign college or university which provides instruction solely in English and is listed in the WHED database.
No other documentation will be reviewed.
Admissions Process

How does it work?

○ As soon as our deadline passes, we immediately begin work to evaluate applications. This is why it’s important to have all your supporting materials submitted as soon as possible.

○ The Admissions Committee uses a rubric to evaluate applications. See here: [https://epm.ucdavis.edu/apply](https://epm.ucdavis.edu/apply).

○ The committee meets at the beginning of February to decide admission and fellowship recommendations.

○ Those recommendations are submitted to Graduate Studies for final review and approval. The final decision rests with the dean of Graduate Studies.

○ Once Grad Studies processes our recommendations, you will receive an email prompting you to look at your application portal. Upon logging in, you will be able to review your decision.

○ Fellowship offer letters will be sent out soon after your admissions decision is sent. You are not notified if you don’t receive a fellowship.

○ The process repeats in April, if there is space available.
Funding

- **Fellowships** → Equivalent to a scholarship, meaning you do not pay it back
  - **Program fellowships**
    - Considered for fellowships at the time of application review.
    - We offer competitive subset of students fellowships that can vary in amount.
  - **Grad Studies (internal) fellowships**
    - Very competitive—considered against all other grad programs on campus.
    - Application is embedded in your admissions application.
  - **External fellowships**
    - Scholarships that are not offered through the university. [See here](#) for ideas on where to look.
- **Academic appointments**→ academic jobs on campus
  - **Teaching Assistantships and Readerships**
    - Any TA position 25% greater time (10hrs/week) will cover tuition & fees for that quarter. You will also receive a salary.
  - **Graduate Student Research Assistantships**
    - Any GSR position 25% greater time (10hrs/week) will cover tuition & fees **AND** non-resident tuition (NRST) for that quarter. You will also receive a salary.
    - Work study → Requires student to be hired for a GSR position and be deemed eligible by Financial Aid; student can request units through Program. It subsidizes the hiring cost for a faculty member.
- **Student loans**→ apply through FAFSA
  - Note: Pell grants are only offered to undergraduate students.
Q+A

- Submit questions in the chat
- Raise hand and unmute yourself