

UC Smoke and Tobacco-Free Student Fellowships

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Question 1: I will be away for the summer. Will I be able to start the project when I return in the fall?

Answer 1: *Yes. You may propose a project that will start in the fall and be completed by the end of the spring or summer term 2017.*

Question 2: Is it acceptable for several of us to apply to do a group project and split the fellowship award?

Answer 2: *Yes. You may propose a group project for review. As part of your application, you must describe how your group project will be organized and managed including how your mentor will interact with the group. Group projects must be submitted as a single application with a single project description and information on each group member (i.e., a resume for each group member).*

Question 3: I'm an undergraduate. If awarded, how will I receive my stipend?

Answer 3: *You will receive quarterly payments through your mentor's department or the department of one of your campus smoke and tobacco free task force members.*

Question 4: I am concerned about the award affecting my current eligibility for student aid. Is there a way to avoid this if I'm awarded the fellowship?

Answer 4: *If awarded, we will make arrangements for your payments to be issued in a way that will not affect your eligibility for student aid.*

Question 5: Are there restrictions on what \$12,000 in fellowship funds is spent on?

Answer 5: *Since the award is a stipend, you may use it to support any of your living expenses and including project-related costs that you may incur (e.g., equipment, supplies, mileage, etc.)*

Question 6: I am an undergraduate senior and will finish my courses in December 2016. I understand that it is a year-long project, but would I still be considered if I won't be a student during the winter and spring quarters?

Answer 6: *Yes. You would, however, have to document that your faculty mentor is committed to overseeing your work to its completion and provide you facilities to complete the project.*

Question 7: Why do undergraduates get only 750 words to describe their projects while graduate students get 1200 words?

Answer 7: *Undergraduate and graduate applications will be reviewed separately; we will not compare graduate applications to undergraduate applications. Graduate applicants are expected to have more experiences that should be reflected in their applications.*

Question 8: If I receive the \$12,000 Fellowship, is it taxable.

Answer 8: *Yes it is.*