



California Institute
of Integral Studies

Baumann Foundation Scholarship Package

Submit by **November 1st** for spring
Submit by **May 30th** for fall

Questions? Contact Mary Nealon, Director of Financial Aid at scholarships@ciis.edu

Baumann Foundation Scholarship to CIIS Students

Scholarship parameters:

Masters & Doctoral students **only**

Maximum Scholarship amount per semester: \$2,500

Duration of doctoral level scholarship: *Maximum of 4 consecutive semesters (excluding summers)

Duration of Master level scholarship: *One semester.

*Note: *Scholarship disbursed to current admitted & enrolled students.*

Research Projects and Application Process

The scholarship supports student research projects which focus on three specific patterns of thought and social enactment believed to lead to unnecessary suffering as well as diminished actualization of human potential.

Each of these patterns sets up a standard of how things should be either for oneself or for the world around one, and the discrepancy between the standard and how things actually are tends to lead to devaluation and/or misperception of the latter.

The three patterns of thought and enactment that are of interest to the sponsors of the Baumann Foundation scholarship are briefly delineated below as specific topical guidelines. Proposed research may employ a variety of approaches, and these are also delineated below.

The three patterns of thinking and enactment of interest to the Baumann fund are:

1. Social comparison or the tendency for individuals to compare themselves to standards set by real or imaginary others in the social group, which tends to undermine self-acceptance
2. Negativity bias or the tendency to pay more attention to events that present a negative impact such as a threat, which tends to undermine the individual's capacity to rest in the present
3. Confirmation bias or the tendency to perceive in the environment what confirms one's beliefs and ignore or remain unaware of what is incompatible with one's beliefs, which tends to undermine one's capacity to meet the world openly and fully with accurate perception.

Guidelines and suggestions for focusing the topic for the research project:

The following guidelines are intended as suggestions and illustrations, not as an exclusive list of possibilities:

- Studies may center upon any of the above three areas
- Research may be focused broadly for greater scope and complexity, or they may be focused narrowly for greater depth and detail.
- A novel angle or perspective on the topic may be taken to reveal subtlety and richness.
- The pattern(s) may be approached as systems of meaning and value that are perpetuated in individual experience and behavior, or in cultures at large.
- Alternatively, the patterns may be approached as conditions or mechanisms through which individuals or groups are hooked into them, such as reinforcement/reward, attachment, identification, or internalization.
- The project may also explore educational, therapeutic, or other ways in which liberation from these patterns can be gained or their effects be ameliorated in the individual or the collective.

Proposed research may employ a variety of approaches such as the following:

- Empirical: Qualitative, quantitative or their creative integration
- Interdisciplinary/transdisciplinary
- Theoretical – critical thinking/hermeneutical/phenomenological

Preference will be given to research projects which:

- Offer novel and thought-provoking insights and perspectives
- Have, or clearly point to, practical relevance or application
- Are aimed at and show promise of publishable quality

Eligibility

Students engaged in both doctoral and masters' level studies are eligible to apply. The project for which the scholarship is sought may be part of the requirements for the doctoral degree, such as a dissertation, or for the Master's degree, such as a thesis. Other projects in which time and resources are invested beyond completing a course requirement and which are aimed at publication will also be considered.

MASTERS level students must be enrolled in a research class and must have a written faculty sign-off on their projects. Masters level faculty may work on only two projects concurrently.

DOCTORAL level students must have a written sign off from their dissertation chair.

Scholarship Deadlines:

All scholarship application material submitted by (for spring):	November 1
All scholarship application material submitted by (for fall):	May 30th

Note: Deadlines are not flexible and late submissions will forfeit your eligibility

Application and supporting documents (see below) are to be submitted to Marisol Nealon, Director of Financial Aid who will then forward them to the Baumann Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Application packets must include the following items:

- Baumann Foundation Scholarship Application form
- Research proposal limited to two typed (single-spaced) pages
- Evidence of good academic standing (copy of current transcript) – *secured by the Financial Aid Office (no action is required by the applicant)*
- HRRC approval for all projects involving human participants
- Master Students Only: Supervising faculty approval for your research (can be emailed to scholarships@ciis.edu)
- Doctoral Students Only: Written sign off/approval from your dissertation chair (can be emailed to scholarships@ciis.edu)

Applications are reviewed and recommended to the CIIS President and the Baumann Foundation by the Baumann Foundation Scholarship Committee, consisting of Professors Ian Grand and Kaisa Puhakka, Chair. The Baumann Foundation will make the final decision regarding recipients of the scholarship.



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Application Deadline: May 30th (fall)

I. Personal Information

Last Name

First Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

(____) _____

Telephone

Student ID #

II. Academic Program Information

Academic
Program: _____

Division (circle one): **MA** or **PhD**

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

<i>Masters only</i>			
Course Code:	Course Title:	Name of faculty supervising:	Number of units:

Research Topic:

III. Declaration of Authenticity (Initial to the left of each statement)

- ___ I affirm that the information on this form is true, correct and complete. I have read and understand the eligibility requirements for the Baumann Foundation Scholarship and affirm my responsibility to meet all of the criteria.
- ___ I understand that CIIS has the authority to change the terms, conditions, and amount of the scholarship awards.
- ___ I understand that CIIS is not responsible for my financial well-being should I incur unforeseen expenses.
- ___ I understand that submitting false information can lead to CIIS revoking its decision to award a scholarship.
- ___ I authorize the Financial Aid Office to share the information in my scholarship packet with any individuals or departments at CIIS (and/or external donors) relevant to the evaluation of my scholarship application.
- ___ If chosen as a recipient, I agree that the information provided on this application may be used by CIIS in publicizing awards.
- ___ I understand I will **scan** and submit **ALL** required documents by email to scholarships@ciis.edu
- ___ I understand that all decisions are final and no appeals will be made.
- ___ I understand I must be enrolled at least half-time.

By Signing below, you agree to and understand the Declaration of Authenticity.

Signature of Student

Date Signed

Note:

Scan & submit **ALL** required documents by email to Mary Nealon, Financial Aid Director, scholarships@ciis.edu

Scanning and emailing is the preferred method of receiving of your packet, however, you may fax it, if scanner is not made available, to 415-575-1268.