



California Institute of Integral Studies

\$100,000 Fund for Diversity Scholarships at CIIS for AY 2017-2018

Purpose

CIIS is a university deeply committed to diversity, inclusion, and advocating for social justice. The university, guided by these principles, is offering **twenty \$5,000 Diversity Scholarships** for the academic year 2017-2018. In line with our institutional mission of embracing traditions that enhance social and political liberation, these scholarships are intended to support the recruitment of a diverse student body, particularly students historically underrepresented in higher education.

Awards

Twenty \$5,000 scholarships to be distributed as follows:

Fall 2017

16 scholarships total = \$80,000 in Fall 2017

- 2 undergraduate scholarships for Fall 2017 (deadline: May 15, 2017)
- 14 graduate scholarships for Fall 2017 (deadline: April 15, 2017)

Spring 2018

4 scholarships total = \$20,000 in Spring 2018

- 1 undergraduate scholarship (deadline: November 15, 2017)
- 3 scholarships open to all division levels (deadline: November 15, 2017)

Eligibility

- The scholarship is open to newly admitted students only, who are starting their degree program at CIIS as full-time* students in Spring 2018. The scholarship is not open to readmitted students, or students continuing into their second or later semester of study, or students returning from a leave of absence.
- Students must be degree-seeking and officially admitted to a program at CIIS and notified of their admissions status by the Admissions Office by the scholarship application deadline.
- Students who are provisionally or conditionally admitted are eligible for consideration if admitted with this status by the scholarship application deadline, but the scholarship will not be awarded or released to provisionally admitted students until they become fully admitted students. (Conditionally students can have the award released.)
- Students are advised to submit all materials for their application to their degree program of choice by the admissions priority application date, so that programs can review applicant files and recommend an admissions decision, in time for the scholarship application deadline.
- Students applying for the Diversity Scholarship can also be eligible for the CIIS Opportunity Scholarship, but are not eligible for additional named scholarships. If selected for the Diversity Scholarship and another named scholarship, students need to choose which scholarship to accept.
- Please note that the ICP Diversity Leadership Scholarship is distinct from this award and cannot be combined with this award.

*(ITP students who take a 6-unit course load are considered full-time.)



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How to Apply

1. Please submit the completed **application** and **1 to 2 page statement** (typed and double-spaced) responding to the guiding questions by emailing them as Word attachments to admissions@ciis.edu with "Diversity Scholarship" in the subject line by the deadline. Statement should not exceed two typed, double-spaced pages.
2. Students must also submit financial information to the CIIS Financial Aid Office by the scholarship application deadline. For domestic students, a FAFSA application; for international students, an [international student aid application](#).

Deadlines for the Diversity Scholarship Application

Fall 2017

April 15, 2017 for graduate students

May 15, 2017 for undergraduate students

Spring 2018

November 15, 2017 for graduate and undergraduate students (Spring 2018 new students only)

Selection Criteria

Prerequisites for consideration are meeting all eligibility criteria and submitting a complete application by the application deadline. This mix of merit- and need-based scholarship is reviewed by the Diversity Scholarship Committee, comprising faculty and staff. Strong consideration is given to students who:

- 1) Are historically underrepresented in higher education, as indicated on the application form.
- 2) Demonstrate a commitment to advocating for diversity and inclusion among the campus and larger community, as articulated in the 1 to 2 page statement.
- 3) Have financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office and federal guidelines, based on financial information submitted by the student to the Financial Aid Office by the deadline.

Award Notification

Applicants will be notified of the Diversity Scholarship Committee's selection via email by **December 10, 2017** for Spring 2018 consideration (all divisions).

Award Distribution

This award is a one-time **tuition-remission credit**, awarded in a student's first year and is not renewable. The \$5,000 award will be distributed over two semesters with \$2,500 awarded in Fall, and \$2,500 in Spring if student is a Fall 2017 start. \$5,000 can be awarded to a Spring 2018 start student, provided their tuition bill exceeds \$5,000. (If that is not the case, the award will be distributed as \$2,500 in Spring 2018 and \$2,500 in their next subsequent semester of enrollment, provided the tuition bill exceeds these amounts.)



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Diversity Scholarship Application for New Students

To be considered for this \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship, new degree-seeking students must:

- 1) meet the eligibility conditions laid out above
- 2) be officially accepted into a degree program at CIIS at the time of the Diversity Scholarship application deadline
- 3) complete and submit this form to admissions@ciis.edu with "Diversity Scholarship" in the subject line
- 4) respond to the guiding questions on the following page and submit their responses to admissions@ciis.edu with "Diversity Scholarship" in the subject line by the Diversity Scholarship application deadline.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

ID# _____

Degree Program _____

Email _____

Please indicate how you identify:

Ethnicity/ "Race" _____

Gender Identity/Expression _____

Sexual Orientation _____

Nationality/citizenship:

U.S. Citizen Yes _____ No _____ Prefer Not to State _____

Country of Citizenship _____

Would you like to be considered for this scholarship based on disability status?

Yes _____ No _____

Are you a veteran or active military personnel?

Yes _____ No _____

Are you the first in your family to earn or pursue a bachelor's degree?

Yes _____ No _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____



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Diversity Scholarship Application for New Students – Statement Questions

Please submit the completed **application** and a **1-2 page typed, double-spaced statement** (in Word .doc or pdf format) responding to the questions below to admissions@ciis.edu with “Diversity Scholarship” in the subject line by the scholarship application deadline. The statement should not exceed **2 typed, double-spaced pages**. Additional pages will not be read.

Questions:

- 1) Describe your background and how it relates to this scholarship.
- 2) In what ways have you advocated for and worked towards diversity, social justice, and inclusion in the past?
- 3) In what ways do you plan to work towards diversity, social justice, and inclusion with your studies at CIIS (i.e., research, on-campus advocacy, community organizing)?

Send complete packet (application form and 1-2 page statement responding to the guiding questions) to admissions@ciis.edu with “Diversity Scholarship” in the subject line by the Diversity Scholarship application deadline. Submit financial information to the Financial Aid Office.