THE CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Commitment to Excellence with Diversity

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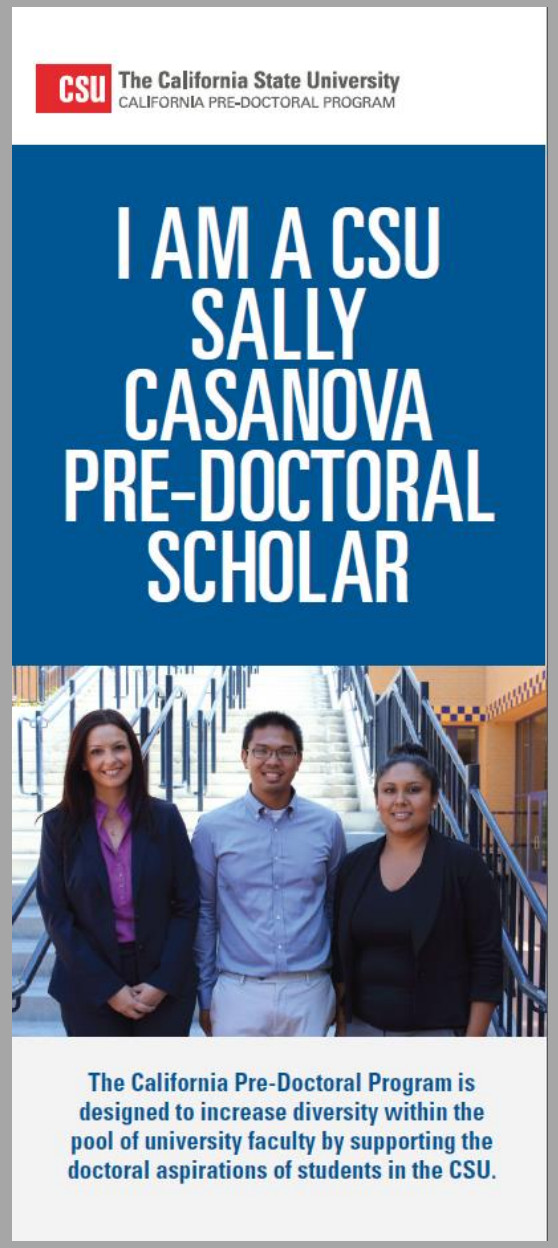
Current CSUB CA Pre-Doctoral Scholar

Kenya Espinoza

History and Purpose

California Pre-Doctoral Program:
Founded in 1989, by the CSU and UC

The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) provides an opportunity for aspiring professors who want to prepare for rewarding careers that balance student-centered teaching and research in the CSU or at institutions similarly focused on economic and social mobility.



Pathways into Faculty Careers

Current CSU Students

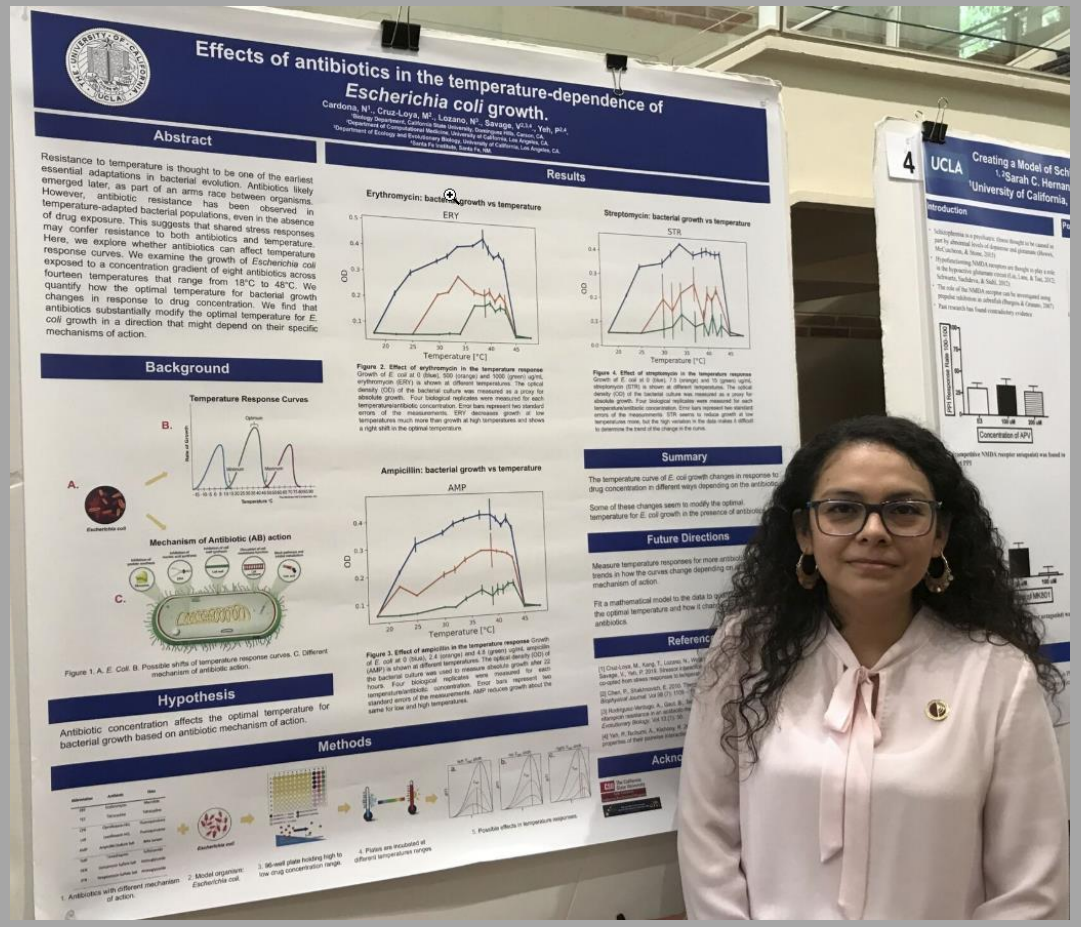
- California Predoctoral Program (Pre-Doc)
- Health Professions Scholars (HPSI)

Doctoral Students

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)

Pre-Professor Program (PREPP)

Program Statistics



- 2,486 Scholars since 1989
- 40% of each cohort end up in fully funded Ph.D. programs
- Since 2014-15 AY, average of 13 Sally Casanova scholars are admitted each year into a Ph.D. program at a UC campus
- Since 2013-14 AY, approximately 24.7 percent of Sally Casanova Scholars receive funding for their Ph.D. program through the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program

Program Details

- Supports the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages
- Special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter Ph.D. programs at one of the University of California campuses
- Applicants who are selected are designated a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will work closely with a CSU faculty mentor
- The Scholar and mentor will develop an overall plan that leads to enrollment in a doctoral program

- CDIP helps doctoral students turn their faculty aspirations into reality through CSU Faculty **mentorship**, **professional development**, and **financial assistance**.

CDIP Program Details

- Provides student loans to individuals pursuing full-time doctoral degrees at accredited universities within the U.S.
- Faculty Mentor supports degree completion and enhances potential CSU employment though collaborative teaching, research, and service
- Offers Mini-Grants and Travel Grants to support Scholar and Faculty Mentor
- Upon receiving doctoral degree and obtaining a faculty position in the CSU, up to 20% of loan will be forgiven every year of qualifying employment

Program comparison

Pre-doctoral

- Must be CSU student and have CSU mentor
- Juniors and first-year master's students
- $5000 to explore and prepare for applying to doctoral programs
- California forum for diversity in graduate education
- Possible summer research experience

CDIP

- Must have CSU mentor
- Seniors, second-year master's, and doctoral students
- $30,000 forgivable loan for doctoral study
- Possible mini-grants and travel grants
- Enrolled or admitted to full time Ph.D. Program for 2026-2027 A/Y

The Program Provides:

- *Travel Funds* for the student to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and/or to attend professional meetings appropriate to the student's development.

- *Development Funds* for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations, subscriptions to academic journals, graduate school applications and test fees, GRE preparation, and the cost of minor research materials.

- *A Summer Research Experience* opportunity at a University of California campus or other U.S. major research university, fully funded by the Pre-Doctoral Program, so that the scholar can participate in doctoral-level research prior to applying to a Ph.D. program.

Loan Details

- Loans of up to $10,000 per year over 5 years and up to a total of $30,000.
- Loans are repayable over a 15-year period, starting one year after completion or withdrawal from fulltime doctoral study.
- If participant completes doctorate and is hired by CSU in an instructional faculty position:
  - Full time - 20% of the loan each year will be forgiven
  - Part time - 10% of the loan each year will be forgiven

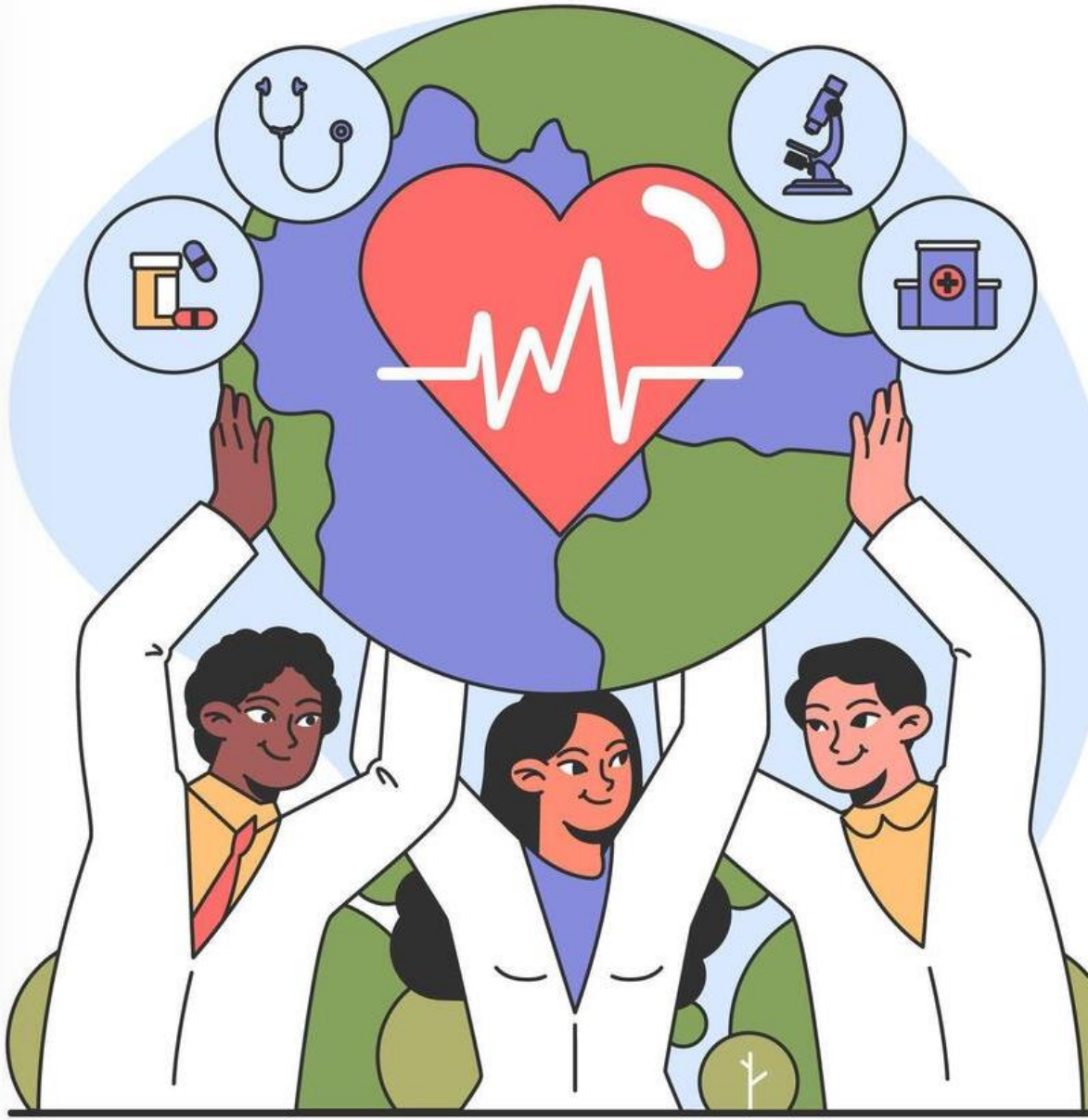
Participant Eligibility

- Applicants to the California Pre-Doctoral Program must be upper-division or master's degree students who are enrolled at a CSU institution as of Spring 2026 and who will also be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester during the academic year 2026-2027.
- Any CSUB student may apply. Each applicant must have a faculty sponsor who will be available for the duration of the plan specified in the application. The program is designed for students interested in obtaining research doctorates.
- Unfortunately, the program isn’t open to: international students, students interested in obtaining professional masters or doctoral degrees, and current and previous award Pre-Doctoral scholars.

Health Professions Scholars Initiative

This track support students aspiring to careers in health professions, including public health, health psychology, human development (with an emphasis on health), kinesiology, nursing, social work and speech/language/hearing sciences.

Our Doctor of Nursing Practice degree qualifies!



Global Health Initiatives

Application Details

- Only applications that have been viewed and approved by the campus coordinator are eligible for submission
- Components of the application include:
  - Personal Information
  - Educational Information
  - Three Essays
  - Faculty Mentor Letter of Recommendation
  - Student Budget Plan
  - Transcripts

Selection Criteria

- Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of five major criteria: Doctoral Field of Study Interests and Plans; Doctoral Field of Study Preparation Experiences; Faculty Career Interests and Plans; Faculty Career Preparation Experiences; Commitment to Collaboration and Preparation with CSU Faculty Mentor.
- If you are interested in applying, you need to let us know! The CSUB application deadline is **February 10, 2026.** After we receive and approve you approved application, (including transcripts, projected budget, faculty mentor letter of recommendation, and your essays) we'll clear you to submit the packet to the CSU online no later than **11:59 A.M. on Friday, February 13, 2026**

Important Dates

- **November 15, 2025**: Application period opens
- **Early February 2026**: Interested students meet with campus coordinator
- **February 10, 2026**: CSUB Pre-Application deadline
- **February 13, 2026**: Applications due via the online site
- **Mid-March 2026**: Applicants are informed of the status of their application
- **March/April 2026**: Applications are reviewed and scored
- **May 2026:** Eligibility of potential scholars are verified
- **July 2026**: Applicants who are selected as Sally Casanova Scholars and Honorable Mentions are identified

Additional Information

- California Pre-Doctoral Website:
  https://www.calstate.edu/predoc/apply

- Chancellor's Office Staff
  - Dr. Katy Pinto, Faculty Director
  - Ms. Elizabeth Sanchez, Program Manage
  - Ms. Rocio Hidalgo, Program Coordinator
  - Dr. Christopher Murphy, Graduate Education Access Specialist
  - Dr. Estela Balon, Faculty Fellow

- CSUB Coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Adams, Dean, Antelope Valley, Interim AVP for Academic Affairs and Dean of Academic Programs eadams6@csub.edu
- CSUB GSC Coordinator: Martha Manriquez mmanriquez@csub.edu

CSU Info Sessions

2025

- November 17, 2025 | 10am -11am
- November 24, 2025 | 10am -11am
- December 1, 2025 | 1pm-2pm
- December 8, 2025 | 1pm-2pm
- December 15, 2025 | 1pm-2pm

2026

- January 15, 2026 | 3pm-4pm
- January 22, 2026 | 3pm-4pm
- January 29, 2026 | 3pm-4pm
- February 2, 2026 | 10am-11am
- February 9, 2026 | 10am-11am

Questions?

Please provide us with your feedback through this survey.

Thank you!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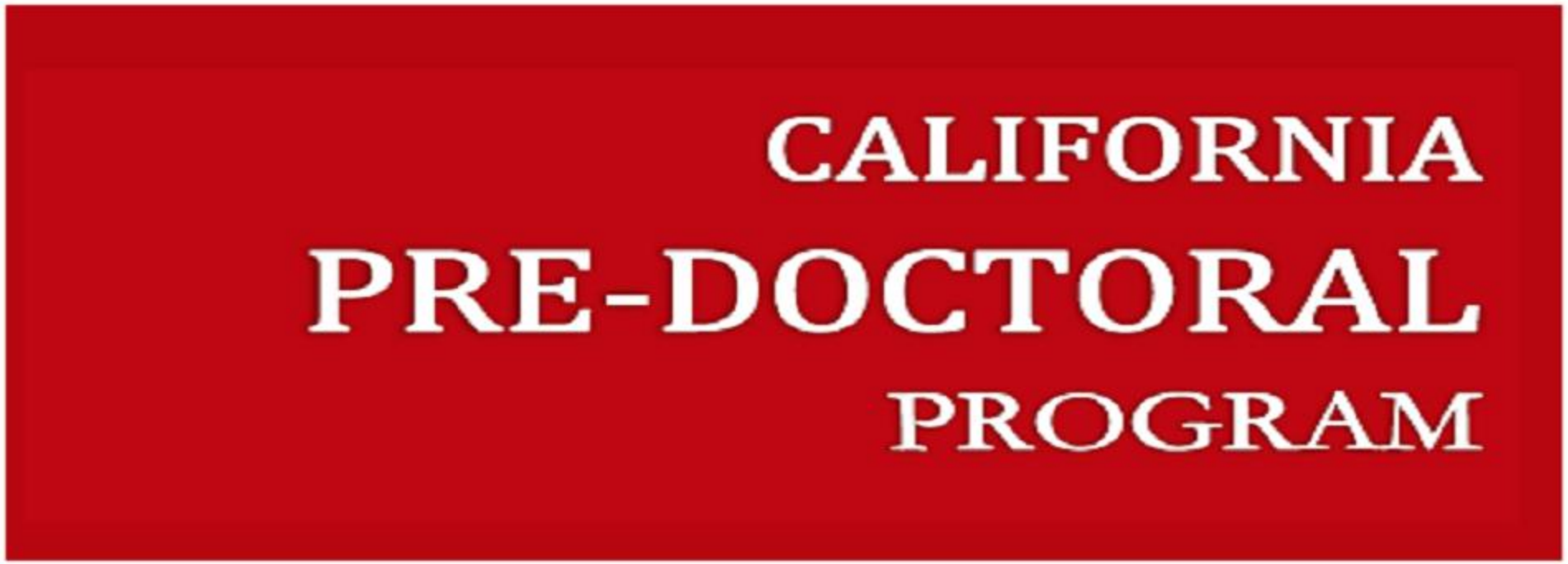
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