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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of Dean Antony, we are writing to announce that applications are being accepted for the next selection cycle of Merkin Graduate Fellows. Made possible by the generous support of Dr. Richard Merkin, **this fellowship provides UC San Diego graduate students a unique opportunity to conduct innovative research in fields broadly related to translational medicine at academic and industry sites abroad.**

Merkin Graduate Fellows will design their own 3- to 6-month education abroad experience to work with top researchers and clinicians across the globe. The primary aims of the program are to drive bold, transformational advances in medical research and clinical applications and at the same time impact Fellows' personal and professional futures.

**We invite applications from graduate students across campus whose work falls broadly within the field of translational medicine.** PhD and MD-PhD students from the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Jacobs School of Engineering, School of Biological Sciences, School of Medicine, School of Physical Sciences, and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences are particularly encouraged to apply, though the fellowship is open to all disciplines. Applications should include: (1) a CV; (2) a research proposal (no longer than 3 pages); and (3) a letter of nomination from the applicant's PI/faculty advisor indicating their support for the applicant's participation in this program. Applicants may also include an optional letter of support from their proposed host research mentor. Please submit applications via the [Merkin Graduate Fellows Program Application Form](#).

Faculty may also nominate prospective applicants they believe would be a good fit for the program by submitting a [nomination form](#). Nominees will be contacted by the Merkin Fellowship Program Manager to encourage them to apply.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis once per quarter, with the Winter quarter review date on **January 20, 2023**. More information about the award, eligibility, and how to apply can be found on the Merkin Graduate Fellows Program website, [merkinfellowship.ucsd.edu](http://merkinfellowship.ucsd.edu). Questions can be directed to me: Giulia Hoffmann, Merkin Fellowship Program Manager, at [merkinfellowship@ucsd.edu](mailto:merkinfellowship@ucsd.edu).

All the best,  
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