



April 5, 2024

UC GRADUATE DEANS

Re: *2024-25 Guru Gobind Singh Fellowship Competition*

Dear Colleagues:

In 1988 the University received a bequest from the late Mr. Karam Singh Maughan to establish an endowment to support graduate fellowships (named for Guru Gobind Singh, the Sikh religious leader) to be awarded to graduates of universities in a specific area of India and Pakistan for the purpose of pursuing graduate study at the University of California. Formerly administered by the Office of the President, this endowment has been reallocated to the Santa Cruz campus, and I am writing to invite your nomination for the 2024-25 fellowship award.

To be eligible, a student must (1) be a graduate of an Indian or Pakistani university in the designated area, **(2)** be committed to returning to their country of origin after receiving the degree, and **(3)** *not* have engaged previously in graduate study at any other institution of higher learning in the United States. Mr. Maughan also specified that individuals already holding the master's degree will have preference.

Students at any stage of graduate study may be nominated, provided that the nominating campus will commit to providing a Non-resident Tuition Fellowship, if applicable, for the Singh Fellow, as needed, for the duration of the Fellow's program (assuming continued satisfactory academic progress) commencing with the year following the Singh award year. *Other things being equal, however, I will give preference to students who have reached the dissertation stage, and especially to those who have exhausted the normal sources of financial support.*

For 2024-25, the amount of the Singh Fellowship award will be \$30,000. The award will be made based on the strength of the student's academic record and supporting documents; *these should include up to three letters of reference (one from the student's faculty sponsor), university transcripts, and any other documents that may serve to support the candidacy.* Please indicate the current status of the student, advanced to candidacy or not, and planned completion date. *In addition, please include a statement of how the student proposes to use their graduate education in their home country.*

Please submit your nomination by May 8 to vpdgs@ucsc.edu. I will review all information received by this date, solicit such independent faculty opinion as I may find necessary, and announce my selection by May 17.

Sincerely,

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