

MESSAGE HEADER

From: Carolyn P. Boyd, Dean of the Graduate Division
To: Campus Graduate Students
Subject: Fellowships: Newkirk Center for Science and Society Information Session and Deadline

The UCI Newkirk Center for Science and Society promotes appropriate and effective uses of research in the natural and social sciences to enhance the quality of human life. It finds ways to develop and share research knowledge with the public and policy makers so they can make informed decisions on vital policy issues on law, education, environment, health care, crime, and public infrastructure. The Center carries out its mission in several ways: through workshops, colloquia, Town Halls, Distinguished Visitors, Communication programs and through support of graduate students. The Center is continuing its cycle of Newkirk Fellows, funded through a generous gift of Martha and Jim Newkirk, and is now soliciting applications from UCI graduate students for these awards.

Applications are welcome from any UCI doctoral student. They should be about three pages in length (including a simple budget indicating how the awards will be used). They should indicate the goals of the student's research activity; methods used; and **how the research incorporates elements of the mission of the Newkirk Center**. They should be submitted by e-mail, in Microsoft Word format, no later than **June 1, 2008**. A letter of support by a faculty advisor is also required.

Awards are up to \$10,000 and can be used for tuition, fees, and/or research support. Up to four awards will be made this cycle. Preference will be given for proposals that address environmental issues and/or issues of regulation, broadly understood (legal, social, institutional, etc.).

NOTE: In order to promote submissions that meet the mission of the Newkirk Center for Science and Society, the Center will have a brief orientation to the type of study that the Center promotes. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. **The orientation session will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in room 408 in the MPAA Building.** Light refreshments will be offered. R.S.V.P. at newkirk@uci.edu or call 949-824-9336.

Please send applications to the Newkirk Center, newkirk@uci.edu. Applications will be reviewed by a group of faculty affiliates of the Center.

Research undertaken by graduate students that fits within the mission of the Newkirk Center for Science and Society should have one or more of the following characteristics, reflected in the application:

1. Determine the practical uses of results of basic research.
2. Increase the knowledge of relevant communities and policymakers about specific scientific results and the implications of those results.
3. Use theory in design of applied research that has potentially important social consequences.
4. Determine effective methods to educate policymakers and the general public in the realm of scientific findings. The work may be at the general level or directed at a specific array of scientific results.
5. Establish collaborative relationships between scientists and potential end-users of scientific results.

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