PhD STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS for IPE GENE DRIVE WORKING GROUP  
2018-2019 CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
DATE OF CALL: February 5, 2018  
DEADLINE: April 13, 2018

ABOUT IPE—ipe.ucsd.edu: To promote research and multi-disciplinary deliberation about the social implications and ethics of science, technology and medicine. To make UC San Diego the world’s leader in research in this area.

ABOUT THE GENETICS WORKING GROUP: The campus is making a large investment in scientific research using gene drives, organized through the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society. See: http://tigs.ucsd.edu/ The end goal of TIGS is to use gene drives to reduce the incidence of malaria in the developing world. Part of that effort is to examine the social implications and ethics of gene drives. The gene drive working group will be an ongoing group of faculty, postdocs and PhD students who are engaged in social scientific and humanistic research on the social implications and ethics of applications of gene drives. This group will be both a workshop for ongoing work and the locus of organizing other campus events on this topic.

PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIP: To allow PhD students engaged in social science or humanistic research to work on a project concerned with gene drives. We do not require that the student’s dissertation be on this topic. Rather, it is anticipated that the students will be developing expertise in an intellectual area for which gene drives are a relevant case. We anticipate students working on a side project from their primary dissertation research that may result in a journal article, while developing expertise on issues concerning gene drives. For example, philosophy of science or medical sociology PhD students could make gene drives a case of an important question in epistemology or medicalization, respectively.

In the 2018-19 academic year fellows are expected to participate in monthly working group meetings and to begin work on their projects. It is most likely that the PhD fellows will be receiving advice on their project from the faculty fellows in the working group in addition to their primary advisor in their home department.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must be a UC San Diego PhD student in good standing.
AWARD AMOUNT: A PhD fellow will receive a $5000 stipend in the summer of 2019, contingent upon having participated in the working group in the 2018-2019 year.¹

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please submit an electronic application with the following information:

- **Project Description** (3 pages maximum). This should include theoretical framing, your research plan, and a paragraph of how the scholarly activity is consistent with the TIGS and IPE visions.
- **CV**
- **Letter of recommendation from your advisor**
- **Submit proposals via e-mail to** [ipe@ucsd.edu](mailto:ipe@ucsd.edu), **with the subject line, “IPE PhD Fellowship Program”**
- **For questions and clarifications regarding whether your intellectual idea fits with the purpose of this fellowship, contact either John Evans ([jhevans@ucsd.edu](mailto:jhevans@ucsd.edu)) (social science) or Craig Callender ([ecallender@ucsd.edu](mailto:ecallender@ucsd.edu)) (philosophy of science or ethics).**

REPORTING PROCESS: Awardees will produce a one-page report by October 2, 2019 of the research progress. This report will be compiled as part of IPE’s annual submission to the Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the content may be used as part of the IPE Annual Report.

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¹ The $5,000 stipend is payable upon approval from the student’s home department to ensure that the stipend will not exceed the Graduate Division or departmental maximum earnings limit.