PhD STUDENT SUMMER FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS
2021-2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DATE OF CALL: April 2, 2021
DEADLINE: April 30, 2021

ABOUT IPE. IPE seeks to promote research and multi-disciplinary deliberation about the social implications and ethics of science, technology and medicine. See ipe.ucsd.edu.

PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIPS. The 2021-2022 fellowships will allow PhD students engaged in social science or humanistic research to work on a project within the mission of IPE. The student’s dissertation need not be on this topic. We anticipate students working on a side project from their primary dissertation research that may result in a journal article. The fellowships are intended to help foster a lively academic community at IPE, so fellows are expected to attend all relevant working group events during the 2021-2022 academic year unless there is a conflict with their UC San Diego teaching or research duties. They are also expected to write an accessible description of their project for the IPE website.

DATA ANALYTIC GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FELLOWSHIP. This fellowship is for those who are doing research on the topic of data analytics governance and accountability. The IPE is working collaboratively with the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute. Relevant projects are any concerning data analytics, governance and accountability where the results will have implications for how the ethics and policies of this field are envisioned. Examples include: data privacy and security, algorithmic fairness and discrimination, the replacement of human discussion and deliberation with algorithmic decision making, the masking of human decision making with data analytic operations, the lack of transparency and interpretability of algorithmic processes, and the various unintended consequences of the deployment of new information technology for social ends.

GENERAL IPE FELLOWSHIP. The general fellowship is for any topic within the remit of the IPE. Examples include human genetic modification, gene drives and conservation, policy “nudges” and ethics, climate justice, hospital decision-making, health care distribution and ethics, science and democracy, and much more. The remit is any topic where the research would contribute to ethical decision-making.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must be a UC San Diego PhD student in good standing.

AWARD AMOUNT. Fellows will receive their $5,000 stipend after the academic year is completed, in the summer of 2022.¹

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 IPE vision.
  • CV

¹ The stipends are 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.
- Brief letter of recommendation from your primary faculty advisor. This does not have to be a full “job market” reference letter.

Submit application via e-mail to ipe@ucsd.edu, with the subject line, “IPE PhD Fellowship Program – NAME OF FELLOWSHIP” (e.g. Data).

For questions and clarifications regarding whether your intellectual idea fits with the purpose of the fellowship, contact either John Evans (jhevans@ucsd.edu) (social science) or Craig Callender (ecallender@ucsd.edu) (philosophy of science or ethics).

**REPORTING PROCESS:** Awardees will produce a one-page report by **October 2, 2022** 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.