

School of Social Sciences



DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

Department of Sociology

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY** joins the ranks of the best sociology departments in the country. The *2005 U.S. News and World Report* rankings of graduate programs placed the department at 27th among the 250 sociology graduate programs in the country and 15th among programs at public universities. Both rankings constitute the highest debut rankings for any sociology department since the publication began its ranking program in 1985.

With more than 800 undergraduate majors and 80 graduate students enrolled and annually conferring more than 400 degrees, the department is considered home to the largest number of students on the UCI campus and provides “service” courses to an additional 12,000 students. The department’s 29 faculty members are noted worldwide for their cutting-edge research on issues that include:

- Immigration and Population
- Global and Domestic Inequality and Change
- Social Networks, Family and Organizations
- Social Movements and Democracy

Interdisciplinary programs train the next generation of social science scholars, community leaders, and policy makers.

- Undergraduates are recruited by the best graduate law, and medical schools in the country.
- Undergraduate education focuses on critical thinking and methodology related to current, relevant issues.
- Undergraduates complete senior level research.
- Undergraduate honors students learn grant writing skills, conduct research, and write and present a senior honors thesis.
- Graduate students produce cutting edge research with close faculty mentoring and collaboration.
- Graduate students are nationally recognized with funding from the National Science Foundation and private foundations.

Investing in People

To recruit and retain undergraduate and graduate students of excellence, the sociology department recognizes the need to establish programs that develop individual scholarly interests and community and academic leadership. The department is seeking support for graduate and undergraduate research awards, scholarships and fellowships.

Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships

To compete for top scholars at both the undergraduate and graduate level, the Department seeks funding for endowed and term fellowships and scholarships. Candidates would be asked to demonstrate a commitment to use education as a means to better serve society, a demonstrated effort to overcome personal challenges and need.

- Endowed Scholarships: Beginning at \$125,000
- Term Scholarships: Beginning at \$1,000
- Endowed Graduate Fellowships: Beginning at \$250,000
- Term Graduate Fellowships: Beginning at \$15,000

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