Dear colleagues,

A big congratulations to Michelle Herrera for receiving a President’s Dissertation Year fellowship! This is a very competitive fellowship and well-deserved on Michelle’s part.

Also, additional congratulations to Bahareh Sorouri and Nicholas Scales for receiving a Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship.

All of these university-wide awards reflect well on our students and department. Thanks to everyone that has spent time in submitting applications and writing support letters. I know it is not trivial.

Sincerely,

Jen

ps. Please note that these are separate awards from the BioSci-specific awards that are still under consideration.

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From: UC Irvine Graduate Division Fellowships <fellowships@rgs.uci.edu>
Subject: Continuing Fellowships (2022) Recipients and Honorable Mentions!
Date: April 25, 2022 at 2:50:34 PM PDT
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Hi all,

Thank you to all those that submitted nominations for our Continuing Fellowships (Faculty Mentor, President's Dissertation Year, Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship). Our review committee has met, and collaborated with Dean Hayes to select our awardees:

Faculty Mentor Program Fellowship

Awardees:

- Daniela Cossio, Neurobiology & Behavior (School of Biological Sciences)
- Sunwoo Oh, Biological Chemistry (School of Medicine)
- Angie Monreal, Sociology (School of Social Sciences)

**Honorable Mention:**

- Bryant Pahl, Earth System Science (School of Physical Sciences)
- Gabrielle Gussin, Public Health (School of Health Sciences)
- Vanessa Bermudez, Education (School of Education)
- Geidy Mendez, Political Science (School of Social Sciences)
- Isabelle Williams, Culture & Theory (School of Humanities)

**President's Dissertation Year Fellowship**

**Awardees:**

- Elena Dominguez, Neurobiology & Behavior (School of Biological Sciences)
- Michelle Herrera, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (School of Biological Sciences)
- Jenaro Soto, Pharmacological Sciences (School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
- Akil Fletcher, Anthropology (School of Social Sciences)
- Samih Khalil, Culture & Theory (School of Humanities)
- Linda Sanchez, Anthropology (School of Social Sciences)

**Honorable Mention:**

- Christopher Chacon, History (School of Humanities)
- Zayda Medina-Sorrell, Urban Planning (School of Social Ecology)
- Astrid Anker, Physics & Astronomy (School of Physical Sciences)
- Devontae Baxter, Physics & Astronomy (School of Physical Sciences)
- Amir Salar Esteki, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (School of Engineering)

**Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship**

**Awardees:**

- Ajay Kirpekar, Economics (School of Social Sciences)
- Anna Kamanzi, Anthropology (School of Social Sciences)
- Bahareh Sorouri, Ecology & Evolutionary Sciences (School of Biological Sciences)
- Chihchia Jocelyn Lai, Psychological Sciences (School of Social Ecology)
- Christopher Chacon, History (School of Humanities)
- David Au, Physiology and Biophysics (School of Medicine)
- David Clausen, Mathematics (School of Physical Sciences)
Diana Carreno, Pharmacological Sciences (School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences)

- Glona Lee, Education (School of Education)
- Jean Little, English (School of Humanities)
- Jennifer Yonan, Anatomy and Neurobiology (School of Medicine)
- Joong Won Lee, Education (School of Education)
- Lu He, Informatics (Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences)
- Lucila Arroyo, Mathematical Behavior Sciences (School of Social Sciences)
- Manuel Paul, Physics (School of Physical Sciences)
- Md Rabiul Islam, Transportation Science (Institute of Transportation Studies)
- Minwoo Park, Drama & Theatre (Claire Trevor School of Arts)
- Mukesh Kumar, Civil Engineering (Henry Samueli School of Engineering)
- **Nicholas Scales, Ecology & Evolutionary Sciences (School of Biological Sciences)**
- Qi Song, Planning, Policy & Design (School of Social Ecology)
- Sarah Rodrigues, Nursing Science (School of Nursing)
- Shiqi Lin, Comparative Literature (School of Humanities)
- Sudip Gurung, Physics (School of Physics and Astronomy)
- Yujia Liu, Education (School of Education)

Thank you to all our nominees, for a very competitive fellowship cycle! Our committee reviewed and considered several qualified applicants, which gave them a great pool from which to pull from.

Best,

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