HSI Pathways to the Professoriate
California State University, Northridge
Application Checklist

Priority Deadline: December 2, 2019

Thank you for your interest in applying to the HSI Pathways to the Professoriate program at CSUN. Please compile the components listed below into one application packet, and turn that packet in to the College of Humanities in Sierra Hall 461. Your packet should be in a sealed manila envelope with HSI Pathways to the Professoriate and your name clearly written on the outside. Your application must be turned in during business hours, and can be turned in at any point. Our priority deadline is 5pm on December 2nd. Applications received prior to that day/time will be considered in our first round of applicant review. If we select 10 Student Fellows in that first round, we will post on the website that the application is now closed. If we do not select 10 Fellows, we will continue to review applications until 10 Fellows are selected. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your completed application.

If you have questions or need clarification on any part of the application, please contact hsipathways@csun.edu.

Please include the following required items in your application packet:

Application Form

Transcript(s)

Please submit your unofficial CSUN transcript, detailing all coursework completed at California State University, Northridge. Instructions for obtaining a transcript can be found here: http://www.csun.edu/admissions-records/order-transcripts. If you have transferred any units, please also include transcripts from all previous post-secondary institution(s). This includes Community College, other 4-year Universities, etc.

Consent for Release of Student Information

So that application readers can look at your transcript(s), please print, fill out, and sign the Consent for Release of Student Information.

Resume or CV

Please include a resume or CV that details any involvement in your field and that demonstrates your commitment to the stated goals of HSI Pathways at CSUN. The resume or CV can include academic achievement, co-curricular activities, and/or employment that helps illustrate the ways in which you meet the selection criteria.

Two Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two letters of recommendation from faculty who have taught you at the college level. You should select faculty who are familiar with your academic work so they can speak to your potential success in graduate school. They should also be able to assess your personal qualifications for the HSI Pathways program at CSUN. You should fill out the top portion of the faculty recommendation form and deliver it to each person you have selected. You will need to obtain their recommendation in a sealed envelope with the flap of the envelope signed. Include these two envelopes in your application packet. Since the priority deadline is December 2nd, remember to ask faculty members early to give them plenty of time.

Academic Writing Sample

Your writing sample should be a paper of at least 3.5 full double-spaced pages that you have written for a college course in one of the listed HSI Pathways fields (available at http://www.csun.edu/humanities/pathways-professoriate/hsi-pathwaysmellon-student-fellows). Ideally, this would be a paper written for a class in your field of study. You should include the complete paper.

Statement of Purpose

Write a statement of purpose. Your statement should not exceed 1000 words in length. Your statement should address the following three points:

- Why are you passionate about pursing a Ph.D. in your chosen field?
- Address how the mission of HSI Pathways to the Professoriate connects with your own goals and aspirations.
- Describe your research interests and how the HSI Pathways program will help you pursue them. If you know the exact project you hope to undertake in a Ph.D. program or the exact independent research project you hope to undertake if selected as an HSI Pathways/Mellon Student Fellow, you can explain that project here.

Please remember to check your email for a confirmation after turning in your application. You will have 24 hours to complete an online survey regarding when you are available for interviews. If selected as a finalist, you will be contacted with instructions for Part II of the application (the timed writing exercise and interview).