

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP



The Kroc School's San Diego Community Scholars Fellowship is designed to cultivate leaders in the social impact sector who are dedicated to serving underserved communities throughout San Diego County. Special consideration will be given to those working in Linda Vista, Logan Heights/Barrio Logan, City Heights, and communities located south and east of the University of San Diego.

This fellowship offers a full tuition scholarship for a Master's degree in Social Innovation or Master's degree in Conflict Management and Resolution. The primary objective is to empower practitioners with the knowledge and skills required to scale sustainable solutions and drive greater impact in San Diego.

To be considered for this fellowship, please complete the following steps.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be employed at social impact organizations that serve underserved communities in San Diego County. Ideal candidates will demonstrate leadership and a strong commitment to driving positive social change in the region.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply to either of the eligible Kroc School degree programs of your choice ([MASI](#), [MSCMR](#)) by **February 1, 2026**. The University of San Diego will email out admission decisions within six weeks of a completed program application. We suggest that one or both of your references be from your current employer expressing support for your fellowship eligibility. Within the degree program application, you will be asked to provide references.

Within the [degree program application](#)

- Select the degree program you are applying to and complete the application requirements.
- Under My Application, you will find the San Diego Community Fellowship option in the Program Materials section of the application.
- Under the Questions section, select that you are applying for the San Diego Community Fellowship.
- You will be prompted to reply to additional essay questions (also listed below for reference).
- Save your responses prior to submitting your application.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

Help us understand what motivates you to be a local leader committed to driving innovative solutions to help shape a more peaceful and just San Diego community. Please respond to the following prompts in no more than 1,250 words, approximately 250 words each.

1. Why are you interested in the Kroc School San Diego Community Scholars Fellowship Program? How does the program's vision align with your personal and professional goals?
2. What specific skills or knowledge do you hope to gain from the Fellowship program, and how do you anticipate applying them to make a lasting contribution to your community and beyond?
3. How do you envision leveraging the interdisciplinary degree program from the Kroc School to further your ability to create a more peaceful and just San Diego community?
4. During the Fellowship program, you'll have the opportunity to undertake a practice project that contributes to a more peaceful and just San Diego community. Describe a project you might consider for this purpose, keeping in mind this is only a preliminary idea and not a commitment. How would you measure the success and impact of this type of project? What indicators or metrics do you consider important in evaluating its potential effectiveness?

The University of San Diego will email out admission decisions within six weeks of a completed program application. The Kroc School of Peace Studies will email out fellowship decisions within six weeks of the fellowship application deadline. Please contact krocadmissions@sandiego.edu with additional questions.