

Welcome



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- Please mute your Speaker during the presentation
- Questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting
- Please use the Chat to “everyone” for questions
- Please unmute when asking a question

AAUW CA Fund Peer Group

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**The Nuts and Bolts of
Requesting a
Fund Speaker...
and more**



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What We Will Cover

- **Update about Fellows studying in California**
- **How to schedule a Fellow**
- **Current Branch Fellows**
- **Hot off the Presses News from National**



Update About Fellows Studying in California





Fund Speaker Request



Request an AAUW Fund Speaker

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/request-aauw-fund-speaker/>

- **Instructions are on the AAUW-CA Website**
- by submitting a request using this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCG_qfu91IMTv2kSrpMrJszmCdq9n3lMWDtJMqmAoPSFdQZQ/viewform
- **Current fellows are heavily involved** in their studies and very busy.
- The schedulers generally require **four to six weeks of advance notice** to schedule a speaker.
- The schedulers contact **current fellows, but on occasion may call on past fellows** who are often more readily available, and can also speak. **You must work with our AAUW California Scheduler** to the longer-term impact an award has had on their lives.
- **We suggest that you prepare a backup program should a fellow not be available on the dates you request.**
- Branches are limited to **one visit** from a current fellow **every other year.**

AAUW Fund Speaker Request Guidelines

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/request-aauw-fund-speaker/>

Do not contact fellow or grant recipients directly. The AAUW California Fund scheduler acts as a clearinghouse and expedites the process for all involved. Contact scheduler at aauwfundspeakers@aauw-ca.org

1. No expenses should be incurred by the fellow and the following guidelines must be followed:

- Branches must offer a minimum honorarium of \$100.
- Transportation (\$0.70/mile) or public transportation fare must be paid, when appropriate.
- Overnight accommodation, if necessary, must be provided.
- Speaker's meal must be provided, if applicable.

2. An AAUW Fellow/Grant Recipient should be allowed 20-30 minutes to speak including questions and answers.

Fellowship Recipients Funded by California Branches

- Currently, 79 CA branches share 129 endowments. (Some are in the names of former branches.) There are also 103 CA endowments that are named for a person, but not linked to a California branch.
- AAUW Fund Committee Member Tobi Balma will be emailing branches with information about the current recipients of their branch fellowships and unlinked fellowships for potential contact with the named person.
- Some branches are unaware that they have started and completed endowments that are funding and have funded recipients in the past.
- It is hoped that branches will use the information about their current and former recipients to let their branch members know how their donations have been used.
- Information will include, Endowment #, Branch Name, Name of Endowment, Name of Recipient, Type of Endowment.
- Some Fellows have requested privacy.

How to Locate Fellowship Recipients Funded by California Branches

- **AAUW National has two types of Directories for Fellowships and Grants.**
 - **The Legacy Directory is from 2004-2005 to 2022-2023**
 - **The Current Directory is for recipients starting in the 2023-2024 academic year**
- **Locating a recipient**
 - **On the AAUW National website (aauw.org), use the top menu "Fellowships and Grants." (One may need to login first.)**
 - **Scroll down to "Awardee Directory" then**
 - **"Search the Directory" (recipients 2023-2024 to the present)**
 - **"Legacy Directory" (recipients 2004-2005 thru 2022-2023)**

How to Locate Fellowship Recipients Funded by California Branches

- For 2025-2026 Branch Fellowship Recipients, branches will be provided with the name of their current recipient.
- Contact awards@aauw.org for information about recipients from 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
- In the Current Directory search by the name and award year of the recipient. You may add other info if known.
- In the Legacy Directory, search by Fund Number and academic year
- The Legacy Directory will include recipients from 2004 – 2022.
- Both directories include information about their recipient's Award Program Name, Institution, Degree Sought, Citizenship (if an International Fellow), Primary Area of Expertise, Specialization, Project Name and Bio.

Go Fund Me Alert!

- GoFundMe automatically created more than 1.4 million “nonprofit” donation pages without the prior knowledge or consent of many organizations.
- These unauthorized pages raise a number of issues relevant to your branch:

Lack of consent and control: Pages may have appeared that your branch did not authorize, potentially causing confusion for donors.

Brand and donor-data concerns: When a crowdfunding page exists outside your branch’s oversight, you may not receive full donor contact details or be able to manage the page’s messaging — limiting stewardship and transparency.

Fees and delays: Some donations made through these auto-generated pages may have incurred extra processing fees or been routed through third-party funds (such as PayPal Giving Fund) before reaching the intended organization.

Search engine visibility: Some pages were optimized by GoFundMe to show above official donation channels, which could divert donor traffic away from your branch’s primary giving link.



GoFundMe Alert!

Recommendation for AAUW Branches:

Based on a review of the issue and advice from our fundraising consultant, we suggest the following steps to protect and safeguard your branch's fundraising channels:

1. Search for your branch on GoFundMe: Visit the GoFundMe charity lookup page and determine whether your branch or organization may have an unauthorized or unclaimed page. For best search results, enter AAUW or American Association of University Women to find your affiliate name.

2. Claim or remove the page: If you discover a page tied to your branch, you may choose to claim it (giving your branch control over the page) or request removal. Ensure you follow the steps provided by GoFundMe properly and check that the branch's bank/account info is correct.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to connect@aauw.org with the subject "Unsolicited GoFundMe" and our Customer Service team will get back to you as soon as possible.



Questions



Next Steps

Future Topics of Interest?

Save the Dates!

Register on the [AAUW CA Calendar](#) for
Upcoming AAUW Fund Peer Group Meetings

November 18, 2025;

March 10, 2026, and April 28, 2026.

These meetings will also be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Links

AAUW CA Fund Peer Group (includes meeting dates, videos and pdf slide shows of past Peer Group Meetings)

- <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-california-peer-groups/>

Form to Request Fund Speaker

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCG_qfu91IMTv2kSrpMrJsrmCdq9n3IMWDtJMqmAoPSFdQZQ/viewform

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Fellowships and Grants

- <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>

Awardee Directory

- <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/awardee-directory/>

Search the Current Fellowships and Awards Directory

- <https://my.aauw.org/fellowshipsandgrantsdirectory>

Search the Legacy Fellowships and Awards Directory

- https://www.aauw.org/fellowships_directory/



Thank You!

