

DOCTORAL DEGREE PLANNING RESOURCES | CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR UC REVIEW OF CSU PROFESSIONAL AND APPLIED DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Review and submission instructions. Section I contains the information for UC duplication review. Appendix A contains additional information for CSU-guided review only; it is not part of the UC duplication review. Campuses should complete both parts for submission to the CSU Office of the Chancellor.

SECTION I | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DUPLICATION REVIEW

A. PROPOSED DEGREE, CAMPUS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Proposed Title of Doctoral Program	
Degree Designation (e.g., EdD)	
Proposed CIP Code and CIP Title (e.g., 26.0202 Biochemistry)	
Delivery Mode	☐ Face-to-Face ☐ Hybrid ☐ Fully Online
Support Mode	☐ State-Support ☐ Self-Support
Campus	
College	
Department	
Key individual(s) who can respond promptly to UC questions during the duplication review process (name, email, and phone)	

B. CURRICULAR AND ACADEMIC ELEMENTS

1. Program Purpose and Target Audience

Provide a summary of the purpose for and a description of the proposed doctoral degree, including targeted audience(s).

2. Doctoral-Level Curriculum and Distinctiveness

Describe how the proposed doctoral curriculum is advanced beyond a master's degree to justify a new professional and/or applied doctorate, distinct from a UC doctoral program.

3. Program Learning Outcomes

List the program learning outcomes for the proposed doctoral degree.

4. Admission Criteria

Describe the admission criteria for the proposed professional and/or applied doctoral degree (including undergraduate preparation).

5. Courses and Other Academic Requirements

List the proposed doctoral program course and culminating doctoral project descriptions including, as appropriate, a description of qualifying and/or comprehensive exams, professional and/or clinical experiences, practicums, projects, and research.

6. Culminating Doctoral Experience

Describe the proposed culminating doctoral experience (doctoral dissertation, doctoral project, or doctoral capstone).

7. Postgraduate Professional Job Objectives and Workforce Needs

Describe the intended postgraduate professional job objectives and employment opportunities for graduates. Summarize relevant statewide workforce or accreditation needs and how doctoral preparation addresses them. If applicable, identify licensure or certification requirements and their alignment with the degree and curriculum.

8. Doctoral Program Roadmap

Provide a visual, term-by-term roadmap of program requirements, including the sequence of courses, offsite or internship requirements, and culminating requirements. Include total units per term and total units for the program.

C. UC CONSULTATION AND PROGRAM COMPARISON

9. Consultation With the University of California

Describe any consultation with the University of California regarding the doctoral degree concept. Include the UC campus(es) or office(s) consulted, the nature and timing of the consultation, any concerns or feedback raised regarding potential duplication, and how the proposal was revised or informed as a result. If no consultation occurred, state that explicitly.

10. Analysis of potential UC duplicate doctoral degree programs.

Review doctoral programs at each UC campus and complete the table below. Identify the relevant degree title and designation of any similar UC doctoral program, indicate whether duplication exists or is possible, and document the website(s) reviewed and access date.

UC Campus	Degree Duplication (Yes/Potential/No)	UC Degree Title and Designation	UC Website(s) reviewed and date accessed
Berkeley			
Davis			
Irvine			
Los Angeles			
Merced			
Riverside			
Santa Barbara			
Santa Cruz			
San Diego			
San Francisco			

APPENDIX A – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR CSU REVIEW ONLY

1. Statewide Workforce Demand and Doctoral-Level Justification

Supplement the workforce needs assessment provided in the concept proposal with credible labor market data and other evidence demonstrating statewide demand for graduates with doctoral-level preparation. Substantiate why existing bachelor's or master's degrees, certificates, or other educational pathways cannot adequately meet the identified workforce need. Evidence should extend beyond anecdotal employer support and may include occupational projections, employer demand, professional standards, or industry trends (e.g., Lightcast, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, or California Employment Development Department data).

2. National Landscape of Comparable Doctoral Programs

Identify representative universities and states offering comparable professional or applied doctoral programs. Summarize relevant program characteristics and available indicators of demand or success, such as enrollment trends, completion rates, graduate employment outcomes, or professional accreditation. Explain how these comparisons inform the proposed program's design and anticipated viability.

3. Potential CSU Duplication and Existing Campus Graduate Programs

- a.** Identify comparable doctoral programs currently offered or planned at other CSU campuses, including independent or joint programs. Describe similarities and differences and provide evidence of consultation with relevant campuses. Where comparable programs exist or are planned within the region, demonstrate sufficient unmet demand to justify an additional program, considering existing capacity, accessibility, and distinct workforce needs. Explain how potential duplication or overlap will be addressed.
- b.** Identify related master's or joint doctoral programs offered by the proposing campus. Explain how the proposed doctorate would complement or differ from these programs, including anticipated impacts on faculty workload, advising and supervision capacity, and shared resources. Justify establishing an independent doctoral program rather than expanding an existing program or pursuing a joint-program approach.

4. Resources and Infrastructure

Identify the faculty expertise and capacity, new course development, doctoral advising and student support, facilities, technology, library and research resources, and external partnerships or placements needed to establish and sustain the program. Distinguish existing resources from additional needs, identify anticipated funding sources, and describe significant implementation challenges.

SUBMISSION DETAILS AND CSU CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE CONTACT

CSU Chancellor's Office submission deadline: July 1, 2027

UC Office of the President submission deadline: September 15 (submitted by CSUCO)

Submit the completed proposal package using the Smartsheet submission form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f44c90ae00524cf6848fbf15a105b9b9>

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