The enduring legacy of slavery, segregation, racism and oppression in America must be addressed systemically. As we stand in the flames of injustice, merely condemning expressions and acts that dehumanize, silence and kill is not enough. We must go beyond and do more. UC Merced (UCM) is fully committed to addressing the systemic conditions that create injustice, a global scourge that has been perpetuated over centuries.

The “UC Merced Black Research Fellowship,” funded by the Office of the Chancellor, is a piloted fellowship program housed under the Dean of Students Office that provides four $2,500 research fellowships (2020-2021) for the creation of projects that demonstrate a commitment and ability to advance racial justice and black liberation at UC Merced. Projects must be intersectional and address: anti-blackness, anti-black violence and policing, historical trauma and radical healing and/or black excellence and success.

Eligibility:
- UC Merced undergraduate and graduate students (must have a faculty project advisor), staff, and faculty. Awardees must be in good standing with the university.
- Available for the Fellowship Term: December 1, 2020-May 7, 2021
- Demonstrated commitment to and interest in advancing racial justice and black liberation at UC Merced.

Application Instructions:
- Submit Application: https://tinyurl.com/UCMBRF
- Send Resume/CV to: Jonathan Grady, Ph.D. Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students jgrady2@ucmerced.edu

UC Merced Black Research Fellowship Requirements:
- Create, implement and complete approved research project by May 7, 2021 demonstrating a commitment to advancing racial justice and black liberation at UC Merced. Projects must be intersectional and address: anti-blackness, anti-black violence and policing, historical trauma and radical healing and/or black excellence and success.
- Complete Fellowship Term: December 1, 2020-May 7, 2021.
- Attend four 30-minute check in’s with the UC Merced Black Research Fellowship Committee throughout fellowship term.
- Present at the Spring 2021 Virtual Black Excellence Research Fellowship Symposium on May 7, 2021.