SOROPTIMIST®
Investing in Dreams

The Sincerity of Friendship

The Joy of Achievment

The Dignity of Service

The Integrity of Profession and Love of Country

Putting forth our greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend these Ideals for a larger fellowship In home, in society, in business

Tax Benefits

- **We are a 501(c) (3) Charitable Organization**
- **Tax ID Numeber 68-0097936**

The Fellowship logo was designed by Jan Sadler from SI/El Cerrito in 1987. The circle serves as an ancient and universal symbol of unity, wholeness, infinity, the goddess, and feminine strength.

Join Others and Level Up

FELLOWSHIP PIN LEVELS

Levels	Stone	Color	Crystal
1	No stone		
2	Turquoise		
3	Amethyst		
4	Yellow Topaz		
5	Cobalt Blue		
6	Emerald		
7	Rose		
8	Peridot		
9	Ruby		
10	Crystal (clear)		
11	Sapphire		
12	Tanzanite		
13	Fire Opal		
14	Black Diamond		
15	Aurum (gold)		

Suchitra Narayanan, PH.D
2025 Fellowship Grant Recipient
"The Founder Region Fellowship Grant helped me immensely during the final stages of my Ph.D., especially with respect to travel and accommodations when I had to travel from my offsite work at Harvard, back to O'ahu for my doctoral defense.

2025 Fellowship Grant Recipients

Become a Donor to the Fellowship Grant Program

Helping Women through grants for Doctorate Degrees for over 77 years

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Fellowship Presentation, by District II Director to
Cheryl Bovee
SI/Vacaville Twilight

Why become a donor to Fellowship ?

- Every fellow named represents $1,000 in donations to the Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship Program, which provides scholarships to some amazing women.
- You become a part of changing the future for the generations of women and girls to come.
- Your donation enhances the likelihood of a woman successfully completing her doctoral program.
- You become a part of the Soroptimist Founder Region Fellowship Community.
- Your voice will be heard as a Fellowship member.
- You will have an opportunity to met the recipients at a special event prior to conference.

Our Mission

Our mission is to advance the status of women through financial support to women in the final phase of their doctoral degree.

Our Purpose

The Founder Region Fellowship, a flagship initiative of Soroptimist International's Founder Region, was established in 1948. This non-profit program, recognized under 501(c)(3), offers grants to women in the final stages of their doctoral studies. It thrives thanks to the steadfast support of Soroptimist members and clubs within the Founder Region.Your contribution goes beyond financial assistance; it serves as a powerful endorsement of the significance of the recipient's work and their impact on society. We are dedicated to empowering women in fields that hold great social importance globally, and we aspire for our recipients to emerge as strong advocates for all women and girls, embodying and advancing the Soroptimist mission and ideals.

Who Can Apply?

Universities and institutions that offer doctoral programs and are within the Founder Region are invited to make our grant application available to their doctoral candidates who are in the final phase of completing their program. These are just a few of the fields of study in which the candidates are seeking a doctorate: Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Clinical Psychology, Comparative Biochemistry, Computer Science, Disease Ecology, Educational Leadership for Social Justice, Electrical Engineering, Epidemiology, Integrative Biology, Law, Marine Biology, Social Welfare, and Zoology. Applications are accepted from schools within the boundaries of the Founder Region that offer doctoral programs.

How to Join!

Club Sponsored Fellow
Each club can make donations and name a fellow

Monthly Giving

For a minimum of $25.00 each month, you can begin saving towards your Fellowship Award.

Individual Memership

Individuals and businesses can contribute to Fellowship with a donation of $1,000 for each level.

To make a donation go to
www.Founder Region Fellowship.com

Donate Now

SI/Ukiah
Christina Lopez earns her 1st level Fellow, given by proud 2024-2026 Fellowship President, Vicki Ham