



**SOROPTIMIST®**  
Investing in Dreams



The Sincerity of Friendship



The Joy of Achievement



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 Number  
68-0097936

## 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.

## Founder Region Fellowship



2025 Fellowship Grant Recipients

**Become a donor to the  
Fellowship Grant  
Program**

Helping Women through grants for  
Doctorate Degrees for over 77 years



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



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 Founder Region Fellowship

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 Membership

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

To make a donation go to  
[www.FounderRegionFellowship.com](http://www.FounderRegionFellowship.com)



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