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### **COSTA MESA'S NAIOP SoCAL AND UC IRVINE DEBUT FELLOWSHIP**

Paul Merage School of Business commercial real estate MBA students may be eligible for \$7,500.

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Costa Mesa-based NAIOP SoCal, the region's leading commercial real estate organization, and the UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business' Center for Real Estate, have joined together to focus on the industry's future leadership through creation of the CRE-NAIOP Fellowship.



The fellowship will provide a deserving student with financial support to further their education with some of the nation's top real estate executives and scholars. The CRE-NAIOP Fellowship will provide one recipient with a \$7,500 award, which will be honored in the form of tuition over three quarters, beginning fall 2009.

The student will have the opportunity to become an intern or mentor at a NAIOP member company along with the opportunity to serve an internship with the NAIOP SoCal Board of Directors.

The merit-based fellowship will be awarded to an incoming full-time student or second year fully employed MBA student that exemplifies a strong interest in pursuing and excelling in a career in commercial real estate. This criterion will be determined by examining the candidates' admissions applications, which include GPA, GMAT score and work experience, as well as a one-page essay describing why the candidate feels they should be awarded the Fellowship.

"One of the most important contributions our chapter can make is to help our industry develop its next leaders. We can make this happen through both our own leadership commitment and by providing the financial resources to a very deserving young person to continue their education," says Tom Sherlock, president of NAIOP SoCal and senior managing director with Buchanan Street Partners.

"This fellowship is another example of our commitment to the next generation that includes our Young Professionals Group (YPG) program and annual UCLA vs. USC Real Estate Challenge," continues Sherlock.

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