

The Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship Fall Semester 2013; Spring and Summer 2014

~In the College of Arts and Letters, Dissertation Completion Fellowships are awarded both for completion of PhD dissertations and for completion of MFA final projects ~

**College Nomination Deadline (individual program deadlines are earlier):
Friday, March 15, 2013**

The College expects to offer between 20-22 Dissertation Completion Fellowships for the 2013-14 academic year. The fellowship consists solely of a \$6000 stipend. Recipients designate one of the semesters in 2013-14 as their fellowship semester. Recipients must be enrolled for at least one credit in their chosen semester in order to receive the award.

Students are nominated for these fellowships by their department/program. **Students should consult their department/program for its nomination procedures and deadlines, and for information about nomination materials that are provided by the nominee.**

***NOTE:** Students with financial aid (scholarships or loans) must check with the Office of Financial Aid to see if this award will affect their funding. The College of Arts & Letters and the Graduate School will not be responsible for any reductions in aid or any penalties related to receipt of this award.*

The fellowship is intended to support the final stage of the degree—completing and defending the dissertation or final MFA project at the end of the fellowship semester or by the end of the subsequent semester.

The purpose and point of these fellowships is to provide for a semester in which the recipient can focus largely or exclusively on the work of the dissertation, performance or exhibition. Fellowship recipients may hold up to a quarter- time graduate assistantship in the fellowship semester.

Awardees:

- must enroll for at least one credit during in the semester they designate as the fellowship semester;
- may not hold a second named fellowship of more than \$3,000 during the semester designated to receive the award. (This restriction does not apply to awards made by departments;
- must submit a brief report of their accomplishments in the fellowship semester to Karen Klomparens, Dean, The Graduate School).

Eligibility:

Applicants must be nominated by their unit (program or department). Nominations will be submitted in one of the following categories.

Those eligible for the Dissertation/MFA-Completion Fellowships are:

PhD or MFA candidates who, in 2013-14, will be in the concluding stages of the dissertation or final MFA project and are expected to complete the degree in Academic year 2013-14, i.e., by the end of the summer semester, 2014.

Students may receive a Dissertation Completion Fellowship only once.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be judged according to:

- quality and clarity of proposal,
- relationship of project to contemporary scholarship in the discipline or interdisciplinary area,
- student record (GPA, Deferred or Incomplete courses, courses taken, progress toward degree),
- letters of recommendation, and
- the grounds for confidence that the project and/or degree will be completed for Summer 2014 graduation (or earlier).

The review committee is likely to be composed of faculty members from outside nominee's discipline and the proposal needs to be situated within a framework understandable to educated, non-specialists.