

March 2, 2009

TO: Sociology Graduate Students

FM: Denise Segura, Director of Graduate Studies and Chair,  
Graduate Program & Admissions Committee (GPAC)

RE: Continuing Graduate Student Fellowships

Graduate Division has requested that academic departments nominate graduate students for the following continuing student fellowships.

- Dean's Fellowship
- Graduate Opportunity Fellowship
- Graduate Research Mentoring Program
- President's Dissertation Fellowship
- Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship
- The Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant

On behalf of the Sociology Department, the Graduate Program and Admissions Committee (GPAC) invites eligible graduate students to apply for one or more continuing fellowships (3 submissions, maximum). Please review eligibility requirements carefully and bear in mind that you will be competing with students across the division and/or campus. GPAC asks that you limit applications to those fellowships for which you can make a strong case for your eligibility AND your broader competitiveness. GPAC anticipates that ultimately students will be nominated for only one fellowship.

In general, students are eligible if they are in good academic standing, have a 3.0 GPA or better, are making normal progress toward the degree, and have not exceeded normative time to degree (6 years in sociology). Students who are currently receiving support from a multi-year fellowship package are not eligible to be nominated. In addition to these general criteria, certain fellowships have other requirements which are essential for you to evaluate before completing an application.

Additional information on each fellowship including eligibility and the specific application forms are available on the sociology website

([http://www.soc.ucsb.edu/downloadable\\_forms.htm](http://www.soc.ucsb.edu/downloadable_forms.htm))

Students must turn in 6 hard copies of the fellowship application to Ra Thea by 4 pm, March 16, 2009. No incomplete applications will be evaluated. **Please do not ask faculty for letters of recommendation, just advise your committee that you are applying.** GPAC will contact faculty for letters which will be sent directly to the committee.

GPAC will evaluate all applications and nominate the maximum number of students allowed by Graduate Division (n=16) by April 3, 2009. Please note that the aforementioned website has information on the number of students the department may nominate per fellowship and how many fellowships Graduate Division expects to award.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or Ra Thea.