

GRADUATE DIVISION DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP FOR: Summer 2009, Fall Quarter 2009, Winter Quarter 2010 OR Spring 2010

Department Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2009

Guidelines and Information

The Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship is intended for doctoral students from all academic disciplines who have advanced to candidacy and **who are in the final stages of completing their dissertation. Financial need is a critical component.** This fellowship is intended to free the student from **non-academic or TA employment**, but **NOT RA-ship**, enabling full attention to dissertation writing. Applicants shall determine which quarter (Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Winter 2010 OR Spring 2010) they wish to receive the Dissertation Fellowship.

Eligibility

Applicants must be advanced to doctoral candidacy and must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student at UCSB—or on an approved Leave of Absence—in Spring 2009. They cannot be students supported by 49% RA-ship for dissertation research.

Doctoral P3 (2A) class level students are not eligible for central fellowship funds. (A student enrolled for more than 9 quarters since advancement to doctoral candidacy is P3 class level.) For example, if Fall 2009 is a student's ninth registered quarter since advancement to candidacy, that student is not eligible to apply for this fellowship for Winter or Spring quarters.

Terms of the Award

This fellowship provides a \$6,000 stipend plus payment of fees and health insurance for one Quarter. Please note, nonresident tuition will not be provided. The Dissertation Fellowship is intended to free the awardee from TA or non-academic employment obligations, enabling full attention to dissertation writing. Students receiving this award are **not allowed to have student employment during the quarter in which they receive the Dissertation Fellowship. This fellowship is not intended to be a replacement for Research Assistantships that facilitate dissertation research. Students who have 49% time RA-ships in support of their dissertation research during the Spring Quarter, 2009 are not eligible.** The fellowship is targeted for students who have not had regular support, such as RAships, for dissertation research. This is a one-time, non-renewable award and is **expected to be the final award before the degree is conferred.** Award recipients will not be considered for further central fellowship awards. Award recipients must maintain continuous full-time enrollment and good academic standing at UCSB during the entire tenure of the award.

Award Determination

Fellowships will be awarded based on financial need, academic merit, the likelihood of a timely submission of the dissertation according to the completion plan, and the strength of the letters of recommendation. Award decisions will be made by a faculty review committee. Awardees will be notified by mail, in care of the campus academic departments, by June of the current year.

Application

1. **Cover Sheet** (see attached)
2. **Statement of financial support** for the last two years (see attached)
3. **Curriculum vitae** - including all publications, presentations and/or performances, honors and awards
4. **Summary of the Dissertation** - 600-900 words double-spaced and typed for a general audience. It should be easily understood by a group of faculty from different fields. Discipline-specific jargon should be avoided if possible and explained when necessary
5. **Completion Plan** (see attached) - a schedule for completing the dissertation; this schedule must be signed by the Chair of the applicant's Dissertation Committee to confirm the viability of the plan
6. **Letters of Recommendation** (see attached) – two sealed letters sent under separate cover from the Chair of the Dissertation Committee and one from another committee member

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COVER SHEET

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Materials Submitted:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Financial Support	<input type="checkbox"/> CV
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Completion Plan	
Letters of recommendation to be sent under separate cover by:	1. _____		
	2. _____		

Name _____ Perm _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Department _____

Dissertation Title _____

Date Advanced to Doctoral Candidacy _____

Expected Date of Completion _____

Name of Chair of Dissertation Committee _____

Names of Other Dissertation Committee Members _____

It is required that domestic applicants, U.S. citizens and permanent residents submit the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid—www.fafsa.ed.gov) and have need analysis information in place at the Financial Aid Office prior to submitting this application. As a public institution a large share of our fellowship funds are provided through financial aid monies and each fellowship recipient is required to file the form. (A summer award involves one of two possible academic year's funding, therefore two FAFSA year responses are required.)

Please indicate the date you submitted the 2008-09 FAFSA _____

Please indicate the date you submitted the 2009-10 FAFSA _____

Please indicate the quarter that you wish to receive the award:

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Statement of Financial Support

Please list the financial support you received last year and which you are scheduled to receive this year. Please include fellowships, grants, and academic appointments.

For FY 2007-08:

For FY 2008-09:

Please provide a clear statement justifying financial need for this award in order to complete your dissertation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Completion Plan

Name _____ Perm _____

Expected Date of Completion _____

I approve the schedule as outlined above and confirm the completion date is viable.

Dissertation Chair's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – Dissertation Chair

Applicant Name _____

Please evaluate the research project and academic qualifications of the applicant. Please type. You may submit a separate letter or use this form.

PROJECT: (significance, feasibility, etc.)

TIMELINESS: (At what stage is the student in his/her doctoral study? Is this the appropriate time in the student's career to apply for a dissertation fellowship? How realistic is completion within a year?)

APPLICANT: (qualifications, academic record and promise; please indicate in what percentile this student falls compared to other students you have supervised.)

Dissertation Chair's Name (please print) _____

Dissertation Chair's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – Dissertation Committee Member

Applicant Name _____

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PROJECT: (significance, feasibility, etc.)

TIMELINESS: (At what stage is the student in his/her doctoral study? Is this the appropriate time in the student's career to apply for a dissertation fellowship? How realistic is completion within a year?)

APPLICANT: (qualifications, academic record and promise; please indicate in what percentile this student falls compared to other students you have supervised.)

Committee Member's Name (please print) _____

Committee Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____