

Dissertation Completion Grants, 2012-13

Description: This award provides monetary support and a release from teaching responsibilities in the last two (long) semesters of doctoral study, enabling PhD students who are in a position to graduate within one year to focus attention on completion of the dissertation.

Eligibility: Outstanding PhD students primarily in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences who have made timely progress toward completion of the degree. Applicants must be in a position to defend the dissertation and graduate within the 2012-13 academic year.

Award Amount: \$20,000 for a two-semester award or \$10,000 for a one-semester award. This funding is generally granted as scholarship support rather than an assistantship (employment). The award does not come with a tuition fellowship (DSTF), but may be supplemented by department or college funds. Awardees must be registered for at least the minimum required number of dissertation hours during the period of the award.

Requirement: A student receiving a Dissertation Completion Grant must agree not to accept other employment. Award funding for the year will be withdrawn in the event this agreement is violated.

Application Procedures: A student must be nominated by his/her department in order to apply. Nominated students should submit items 3-6, below, to their departments; the department should then send the completed file, including nomination and recommendation letters, to the Dean's Office. Please submit all application materials together in a single file to Prof. Cathy Patterson, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, 402 Agnes Arnold Hall, by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012.

Application materials must include

1. A letter of nomination from the student's department chair or graduate director emphasizing the student's academic excellence and qualifications for the award. *Only demonstrably outstanding students should be nominated by their departments for these awards.*
2. A letter of recommendation from the student's dissertation director providing information about the subject and status of the student's work, including specific reference to the likelihood of completion of the dissertation within the required timeframe
3. The student's official graduate transcript
4. The student's graduate CV, including any academic awards, honors, or publications
5. A statement by the student of no more than three double-spaced (3) pages describing the substance, approach, and significance of the dissertation and providing a clear timeline for completion of the work, if the award were to be granted.
6. A substantial piece of the dissertation work, such as a draft chapter or approved proposal.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

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