

Competitive Fellowships Factors

Factors that will be considered in graduate admissions & the awarding of competitive fellowships

The Graduate Committee of the Department of Hispanic Studies has the primary responsibility for the selection of candidates for admissions to the M.A. and Ph.D. in Spanish and the nomination of individuals for competitive fellowships. Typically the criteria utilized for these decisions focus on the applicant's proficiency in Spanish, the prior educational attainment of the applicant, demonstrated interest and preparation for the course of study, and evidence of the applicant's ability to be successful in the program. These decisions, by their very nature, require a comprehensive review of multiple factors by the faculty charged with selecting students for admission and/or the awarding of competitive fellowships.

The Spanish Graduate Committee determines who to accept or nominate for fellowships, based on the following criteria:

- 1) Applicant's previous academic record at previous undergraduate and/or graduate programs.
- 2) Applicant's commitment to obtaining a graduate degree in Spanish, evidenced by his/her statement of purpose.
- 3) A writing sample in Spanish.
- 4) Recommendation letters detailing the applicant's potential as a graduate student of Spanish.
- 5) Applicant's performance on the Graduate Record Examination.