Attention!! Application information for Departmental Aid & Graduate Dissertation Fellowships!! Don’t let this announcement pass you by!!

TO: All Current Graduate Students
FROM: Jennifer Sessions, Director of Graduate Studies
RE: Dissertation Fellowships
DATE: January 24, 2018

Below, please find information, application instructions, and deadlines for internal UI aid and fellowships for Summer 2018 and AY 2018-2019, including Departmental aid for 2018-2019, History Department Research Fellowships and Awards, fellowships from the Graduate College, International Programs, Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, and Graduate Student government. This document includes all Departmental fellowships and the major Graduate College fellowships, but there may be other internal fellowship opportunities out there. Let me know if you have questions about applying for things other than those listed here.

If you have any questions about eligibility or application requirements, please talk to me (mailto:jennifer-sessions@uiowa.edu, office hours T 1-3pm, Th 9-10am) ASAP.

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT, deadline February 15**

Aid Application for Regular Teaching Jobs (for 2018-2019)
The online application form and TA Funding Supplemental Form are now available on the Department’s website: https://clas.uiowa.edu/history/resources/.

Departmental Dissertation Fellowships
Students who have passed their comprehensive exams are eligible for dissertation fellowships. Priority will be given to applicants who have not held a Departmental award previously, but the Departmental Fellowships Committee will consider previous awardees for a second award if there are no suitable first-time candidates. All application materials should be sent via email to Sheri Sojka (sheri-sojka@uiowa.edu).

**Please note a couple of important changes this year**

1) The application procedure has been slightly modified to correspond better to standard fellowship formats. This should make it easier for students applying for other fellowships from the Graduate College, IP, etc..

2) Departmental awards will be disbursed only after Pat Goodwin has received a thank you note to the donors who made the fellowship possible, as per the award letters.

The Fellowships Committee will meet in late February, but because we make Departmental awards and nominations for Graduate College fellowships at the same time, results will not be announced until Graduate College fellowships are finalized. This may not be made until late March or April.
The Department Fellowships Committee awards three types of dissertation fellowships and the Horwitz Syllabus Prize (see detailed descriptions below):

1. Travel & Research Fellowships, to support short-term dissertation research.
2. Research & Writing Fellowships, to support a semester or year of protected research or writing.
3. Nomination for Graduate College Fellowships (Post-Comps and Ballard-Seashore), to support a semester of protected research or writing. (Note: Ballard-Seashore applicants will automatically be considered for Departmental Research & Writing Fellowships unless they indicate otherwise on the cover sheet.)
4. Henry Horwitz Prize for the best syllabus by a graduate instructor.

Applications for all three types of research fellowships should include the following:

1. A cover sheet (emailed separately & available on the Department website) indicating which fellowships they would like to be considered for;
2. A complete C.V. that includes all previous appointments, grants, and fellowships received, with dates, as well as the usual educational and professional experience, honors and awards, publications and presentations, etc.;
3. A substantial piece of written work, usually an approved prospectus, dissertation chapter, seminar paper or MA essay (writing samples are read closely to evaluate applicants' scholarship);
4. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member (usually the advisor).

In addition, applicants for Travel & Research Fellowships should include:

5. A one-page proposal describing the research to be undertaken, the scholarly significance of the proposed research, and how the research will be carried out.

In addition, applicants for Research & Writing Fellowships should include:

5. A one-page proposal describing the dissertation project, its scholarly significance, the applicant’s work to date, and the work to be undertaken during the fellowship period;
6. All completed dissertation chapters.
In addition, applicants for Departmental nomination for *Graduate College Fellowships* should include:

For the **Post-Comprehensive Research Award:**
5. A short paragraph (maximum 250 words) describing how the applicant has performed with distinction since undertaking graduate study at the University of Iowa;
6. A one-page proposal written in lay language comprehensible to the public that outlines the proposed research, its significance and purpose, and its impact on the applicant’s subsequent research plans (do not include references);
7. A one-page C.V. of educational and professional experience, honors and awards, and publications;
8. The recommendation letter must be from the applicant’s dissertation advisor and include a defined plan for mentorship of the student during the fellowship semester and the student’s preparedness to undertake the proposed research.

For the **Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships:**
5. An abstract (maximum 500 words) written in lay language describing the dissertation, describing the purpose of the research, how the research will be carried out, and the value of the research to the student’s field (do not include references);
6. A two-page dissertation outline consisting of a) a descriptive list of chapters, 2) a timetable with major deliverables for completion of the dissertation (e.g. completion dates for each chapter);
7. A one-page C.V. of educational and professional experience, honors and awards, and publications;
8. An unofficial graduate transcript;
9. A second recommendation letter from a dissertation committee member or other faculty member familiar with the student’s work;
10. All completed dissertation chapters.

**Travel & Research Fellowships**
The Department awards the following fellowships for short-term dissertation-related research and travel to research sites. (*Note: Amounts shown are from 2017-2018. They are given for reference and subject to change. Updated 2018-2019 figures will be shared as soon as possible.*)

- William O. Aydelotte Dissertation Fellowships: 1-2 awards, unrestricted, $5,000
- Lawrence Gelfand Dissertation Fellowship: 1 award, unrestricted, $2,000
- Laurence Lafore Dissertation Fellowships: 1-2 awards, unrestricted, $5,000
- Gordon Prange Dissertation Fellowship: 1 award, for European history, $5,000
- William L.M. & William E. Burke Fellowship: 2 awards, for European history, $5,000
- Elizabeth Bennett Ink Dissertation Fellowship: 1 award, for U.S. history, $5,000
- Charles F. Strong Fellowship: 1 award, for Early American history and/or the French Revolution, $5,000
- George F. Garcia Fellowship: 1 award, for a student from an underrepresented group or studying the history of one or more underrepresented groups, $1,900
**Research & Writing Fellowships**
The Department offers the following fellowships to support a semester or year of protected time to devote to dissertation research or writing:

- **Ann Leger-Anderson Dissertation Fellowship**: 2 awards, for female students in any field, $10,000 *(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)*
- **History Graduate Fellowship/Aydelotte**: 1 award, unrestricted, $10,000 *(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)*
- **Louis Pelzer Dissertation Fellowship**: 1 award, for U.S. history, $18,000 *(technically awarded by the Graduate College to the Department’s nominee)*

**Henry Horwitz Prize**
Named for distinguished former UI faculty member Henry Horwitz, the Horwitz Prize recognizes excellence in teaching by a History Department graduate student. It is awarded to the student deemed to have produced the best course syllabus in past year. The winning graduate instructor receives $500. Syllabi taught in Spring 2017 or Fall 2017 are eligible.

To be considered for the Horwitz Prize, please submit the following:

1. A brief statement (no more than 1 page) describing the goals and design of the submitted syllabus and how students responded to it in the classroom.
2. A copy of the syllabus.

**Graduate College Fellowships**
The Graduate College awards two major fellowships to support one semester of protected and supported time to devote to dissertation work (for further information, see the Graduate College Fellowships section below).

**Post-Comprehensive Research Award**: Students completing comprehensive exams between September 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 are eligible for one semester of protected and supported time to fully engage in their scholarly research activities.

**Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships**: Students who will defend their dissertations and graduate in Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 are eligible for one semester of protected and supported time to devote to dissertation work when there is “a high likelihood of completion within one semester of the fellowship period.”
**GRADUATE COLLEGE, various deadlines**
For further fellowship details, eligibility criteria & application requirements, see [http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/internal-fellowships](http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/internal-fellowships). **Note departmental deadlines below.**

**Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio Fellowships** (for summer 2018), February 15
Ph.D. students at any stage are eligible for a mentored internship at the UI Libraries Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio. Priority will be given to students whose projects relate to their dissertation work. Summer fellowships include participation in a summer class in digital scholarship at the Studio. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by February 9.

**Underrepresented Minority Pre-Comprehensive Exam Mentored Research Fellowship** (for summer 2018), February 15
Minority Ph.D. students who have not yet defended their comps are eligible. Supports mentored individual research to a student early in their graduate career. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by February 9.

**Post-Comprehensive Research Award** (for fall 2018), March 1
Students completing comprehensive exams between September 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 are eligible to apply for a semester of protected time to focus on dissertation research. Requires departmental nomination. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by February 15. See departmental application instructions above. (If you will defend your comps between February 15 and 28, please contact the DGS ASAP.)

**Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships** (for fall 2018), March 1
Students who will defend their dissertations and graduate in Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 are eligible for a semester of protected time to complete their dissertation writing. Requires departmental nomination. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by February 15. See departmental application instructions above.

**T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowships**, rolling deadline
A.B.D. students are eligible for grants of up to $5,000 to support dissertation research outside of North America. Applications must be submitted at least 10 weeks prior to intended departure. Because the Graduate College will cease to consider applications once all allocated funds have been awarded each year, students should apply as early as possible. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka one week prior to intended submission to the Graduate College.

**Summer Fellowships** (for summer 2018), March 9
Students who have defended their comps by March 9, 2018 are eligible for a $4,500 stipend to support summer dissertation research. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be
submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by **March 2**.

**Graduate College Fellowship Incentive Program**, rolling deadline
The Graduate College will pay you $500 to apply for external fellowships. All students who work with a faculty advisor and apply for a nationally competitive fellowship (Fulbright, SSRC, AAUW, Ford Foundation, etc.) are eligible simply by filling out a form. Previous FIP recipients may reapply. Funds are distributed in December and June.

**Underrepresented Minority Master’s Thesis Fellowship (Pilot Program)**, April 1
Minority M.A. students who will complete their M.A. thesis in 2018-2019 are eligible for a one-semester fellowship to complete their M.A. thesis. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka by **March 26**.

**Kenneth T. Key Scholarship for Taiwanese-Born Graduate Students**, rolling deadline.
Students born in Taiwan are eligible for a $1,000 tuition scholarship (if no other fellowships or assistantships) or up to $1,000 in research expenses or conference/professional development travel. Because the Graduate College will stop considering applications once all allocated funds have been awarded each year, students should apply as early as possible. Does not require departmental nomination, but must be submitted by the department to preserve confidentiality of recommendations. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent by email to Sheri Sojka **one week prior to intended submission to the Graduate College**.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**, various deadlines

**Stanley Graduate Awards for International Research**, February 5.
Students who have not yet defended their dissertation prospectus are eligible for grants between $1,000 and $2,500 to support international research and fieldwork. For travel between March 2018 and May 2019. Note that as of 2017-2018, this has been changed from a scholarship to a travel reimbursement award. More information, including application details, here: [https://international.uiowa.edu/funding/students/awards/stanley/graduate/](https://international.uiowa.edu/funding/students/awards/stanley/graduate/).

**GENDER, WOMEN'S & SEXUALITY STUDIES DEPARTMENT**, Feb. 1
Includes the **Jane A. Weiss Memorial Dissertation Scholarship** for a Ph.D. candidate whose dissertation focuses on issues pertaining to women. More information, including application details, here: [https://clas.uiowa.edu/gwss/undergraduate-program/scholarships/](https://clas.uiowa.edu/gwss/undergraduate-program/scholarships/).

**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**
Spring deadlines: **February 6, March 12, April 9**

**Travel Grants** for travel to conferences and workshops within 90 days of application deadline.
**Research Grants** for research to be completed within six months of award.
**Service Grants** for service projects to be completed within six months of award.
More information, including application details, here: [https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/grants-for-students/](https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/grants-for-students/).
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Travel Funds for travel to present at conferences, meetings, symposia, or other professional or academic gatherings. Spring deadlines: January 19 (for conferences beginning Sept 1, 2017-Feb 28, 2018), March 9 (for conferences beginning Nov 1, 2017-Apr 30, 2018), and May 18 (for conferences beginning Jan 1, 2018-Jun 30, 2018)

Supplemental Travel Awards for domestic or international research travel, not including conferences or workshops. Spring deadline April 13, for travel July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

More information, including application details, here: https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/.