TO: All Current Graduate Students  
FROM: Michaela Hoenicke Moore, Director of Graduate Studies  
RE: Dissertation Fellowships  
DATE: January 16, 2019

Attached you will find information, application instructions, and deadlines for Summer 2019 and AY 2019-20. The document includes Departmental aid for 2019-20, History Department Research Fellowships and Awards, fellowships and travel grants from the Graduate College, International Programs, Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG), and Graduate Student Senate (GSS).

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 ASAP.

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HISTORY DEPARTMENT, deadline February 15

Aid Application for Regular Teaching Jobs (for 2019-2020)

The online application form and TA Funding Supplemental Form are now available on the Department’s website: https://clas.uiowa.edu/history/graduate/application-forms/.

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 Kathleen O’Neill.

Important Things to Remember

1. The application procedure corresponds with standard fellowship formats. This should make it easier for students applying for other fellowships from the Graduate College, IP, etc.
2. Departmental awards are disbursed only after the Departmental Administrator (Pat Goodwin) has received a thank you note to the donors who made the fellowship possible, per the award letters.
3. Fellowship Committee will meet in late February, but because we make Departmental awards and nominations for Graduate College fellowships at the same time, results are not announced until Graduate College fellowships are finalized. This may not be 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 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:

- A cover sheet (available on the Department website) indicating which fellowships you would like to be considered for
- A complete CV including all previous appointments (e.g. TA 2016-17 & TA 2017-18), grants, and fellowships received (with dates) as well as the usual educational and professional experience, honors and awards, publications and presentations, etc.
- 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)
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member (usually the advisor).

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

- 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:

- 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
- All completed dissertation chapters

In addition, applicants interested in Graduate College Fellowships should include:

For the Post-Comprehensive Research Award:

- A short paragraph (maximum 250 words) describing how the applicant has performed with distinction since undertaking graduate study at the University of Iowa
- 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)
- A one-page CV of educational and professional experience, honors and awards, and publications
- A recommendation letter from the applicant’s dissertation advisor including a defined plan for mentorship of the student during the fellowship semester and the student’s preparedness to undertake the proposed research plan

For the Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships:

- 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)
- A two-page dissertation outline consisting of 1) a descriptive list of chapters, 2) a timetable with major deliverables for completion of the dissertation (e.g. completion dates for each chapter)
- A one-page CV of educational and professional experience, honors and awards, and publications
- An unofficial graduate transcript
A recommendation letter from the applicant’s dissertation advisor that includes
a. how long the student has been working on the Ph.D
b. confirmation the student will have successfully completed the comprehensive examination
   by the nomination deadline
c. the student's qualifications for carrying out this research
d. how much work has already been accomplished on the dissertation
e. the value of the research topic to the specific field
f. the likelihood that the degree will be completing in the semester in which she/he receives
   the award or at most within one semester of receiving the award
g. if the student is being nominated for the semester before she/he is graduating, please
   provide justification for why the fellowship benefits the student earlier than the last
   semester

A second recommendation letter from a dissertation committee member or other faculty
member familiar with the student’s work

All completed dissertation chapters

**Travel & Research Fellowships**

The Department awards the following fellowships for short-term dissertation-related research and
travel to research sites.

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| Charles F. Strong History Fellowship              | 1 to 2     | Early American and/or
                                                       French Revolution | $5,000  |
| George F. Garcia History Fellowship                | 1          | Student in underrepresented group or studying history of 1
                                                       or more underrepresented groups | $1,900  |

*Note: Amounts shown are from 2018-19. They are given for reference and subject to change.*
Research & Writing Fellowships

The Department offers the following fellowships to support a semester 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:** 1 award, unrestricted, $10,000 (requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)
- **Dwight and Hannelore Bozeman Fellowship:** 1 award, unrestricted, $9,000 (requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)
- **Louis Pelzer Dissertation Fellowship:** 2 awards, for U.S. history, approx. $9,000 each (technically awarded by the Graduate College to the Department’s nominee; changed from a single year-long award to two separate semester awards in 2019-2020 AY)

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 2018 or Fall 2018 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, 2018 and February 28, 2019 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 2019 or Spring 2020 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/. **Note departmental deadlines below.**

Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio Fellowships (for summer 2019), February 14

PhD 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 Kathleen O’Neill by February 8.

Underrepresented Minority Pre-Comprehensive Exam Mentored Research Fellowship (for summer 2019), March 29

Minority PhD students (US citizens and permanent residents) 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 Kathleen O’Neill by March 15.

Post-Comprehensive Research Award (for fall 2019), March 1

Students completing comprehensive exams between September 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019 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 Kathleen O’Neill 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 2019), March 1

Students who will defend their dissertations and graduate in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 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 Kathleen O’Neill by February 15. See departmental application instructions above.

T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowships, rolling deadline
ABD 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 Kathleen O’Neill one week prior to intended submission to the Graduate College.

**Summer Fellowships** (for summer 2019), March 1-14

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 Kathleen O’Neill by February 22.

**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 (MA Terminal Only)**, April 1

Minority MA students who will complete their MA thesis in 2019-2020 are eligible for a one-semester fellowship to complete their 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 Kathleen O’Neill 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 Kathleen O’Neill one week prior to intended submission to the Graduate College.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Stanley Graduate Awards for International Research**, February 4
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 May 2019 and May 2020. More information, including application details, here: https://international.uiowa.edu/funding/students/awards/stanley/graduate/.

**GENDER, WOMEN’S & SEXUALITY STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

*Jane A. Weiss Memorial Dissertation Scholarship*, February 1

For a PhD candidate whose dissertation focuses on issues pertaining to women. Graduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. More information, including application details, here: https://clas.uiowa.edu/gwss/undergraduate-program/scholarships/. Application materials, including recommendations should be sent to Kathleen O’Neill by **January 25**.

*Adah Johnson/Otilia Maria Fernandez Scholarship*, February 1

This scholarship honors Adah Johnson, one of the first black women students to graduate from The University of Iowa (1912) and Otilia Maria Fernandez, one of the first Hispanic woman graduates (1924). The Johnson/Fernandez Scholarship will be awarded to a graduate woman student of color who has taken courses in the Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies Department or whose academic interests include some aspect of women’s culture or experience. One award of $1500 will be given. More information, including application details, here: https://clas.uiowa.edu/gwss/undergraduate-program/scholarships/ Application materials, including recommendations should be sent to Kathleen O’Neill by **January 25**.

**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Spring deadlines: February 4, March 4, April 8

*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/.

**GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

*Presentation Travel Funds* for travel to present at conferences, meetings, symposia, or other professional or academic gatherings. Spring deadlines: **January 18** (for conferences beginning Sept 1, 2018-Feb 28, 2019), **March 8** (for conferences beginning Nov 1, 2018-Apr 30, 2019), and **May 3** (for conferences beginning Jan 1, 2020-Jun 30, 2020)

*College Degree-Related Travel* is travel funding assistance to pay a portion of both domestic and international travel expenses for graduate students who must travel for the completion of a graduate
Aid & Fellowships 2019-2020

The project can be research, scholarship or a creative activity required by your degree program. Spring deadline April 12, for travel beginning within the fiscal year of the deadline (July 1 – June 30).

*Research Grants* available for research expenses including archive usage, equipment, supplies, software, interviews (research related). Spring deadline April 12, for summer and/or fall 2019 expenses.

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