

HISTORY DEPARTMENT, deadline **January 31**

Departmental Fellowships

Students who have passed their comprehensive exams and hold no incompletes 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 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.
4. **Henry Horwitz Prize** for the best syllabus by a graduate instructor.

Applications for **all types of departmental fellowships** should include the following:

- **Cover sheet** (available on the Department website) indicating which fellowships you would like to be considered for, or if you do not want to be considered this academic year.
- **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.
- **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*)
 - If applying for a Research & Writing Fellowship, submit all completed dissertation chapters
- A **letter of recommendation** from a faculty member (usually the advisor).
- A **one-page proposal** describing the research to be undertaken, the scholarly significance of the proposed research, work to date, and how the research/work will be carried out if awarded

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
- A recommendation letter from the applicant's dissertation advisor that includes
 - a. how long the student has been working on the PhD
 - b. confirmation the student will have successfully completed the comps exam by the 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 completed in the semester in which they receive the award or at most within one semester of receiving the award
 - g. if the student is being nominated for the semester before graduation, 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.

Fellowship Award	Selections	Requirement	Amount*
William O. Aydelotte Dissertation Fellowship	2 to 3	Unrestricted	\$5,000
Laurence Lafore Dissertation Fellowship	1 to 2	Unrestricted	\$5,000
Lawrence Gelfand Dissertation Fellowship	1	Unrestricted	\$2,500
G.W. & A. R. Prange Fellowship	1	European History	\$4,000
William L.M. & William E. Burke Fellowship	2 to 3	European History	\$5,000
Elizabeth Bennett Ink Fellowship	1	US History	\$2,500
George F. Garcia History Fellowship	1	Student in underrepresented group or studying history of 1 or more underrepresented groups	\$2,500

**Note: Amounts shown 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, \$9,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Dwight and Hannelore Bozeman Fellowship: 1-2 awards, unrestricted, \$9,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Charles F. Strong History Fellowship: 1-2 awards, Early American and/or French Revolution, \$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
(technically awarded by the Graduate College to the Department's nominee; changed from a single year-long award to two separate semester awards in 2020-2021 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. All syllabi taught in Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 are eligible and will be reviewed.

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, 2020, and February 28, 2021*, 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 2021 or Spring 2022 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 2021), February 11

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 January 31.**

Underrepresented Minority Pre-Comprehensive Exam Mentored Research Fellowship (for summer 2021), February 11

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 January 31.**

Post-Comprehensive Research Award (for Fall 2021), February 16 – March 2

Students completing comprehensive exams between September 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021 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 5.** See *departmental application instructions above.*

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships (for Fall 2021), February 16 – March 2

Students who will defend their dissertations and graduate in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 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 5**. 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 at least 48 hours prior to intended submission date to the Graduate College**.

Summer Fellowships (for summer 2021), February 25 – March 11

Students who have defended their comps by February 28, 2021 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 12**.

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.

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, January 27, 2021

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. 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, 2021

A \$5,000 scholarship for a PhD candidate whose dissertation focuses on issues pertaining to women. Graduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Adele Kimm Scholarship

The Adele Kimm Scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student involved in the Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies Department through coursework or service. One award of \$2,000 will be given.

Application materials, including recommendations should be sent to Lauren Kastens. More information on GWSS Scholarships, including application details, here: <https://clas.uiowa.edu/gwss/undergraduate-program/scholarships/>

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Spring deadlines: January 16, March 13, April 17

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.

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 project. The project can be research, scholarship or a creative activity required by your degree program.

Research Grants available for research expenses including archive usage, equipment, supplies, software, interviews (research related).

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