

Hanna Holborn Gray Advanced Fellowships in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences for Academic Year 2009-10

The Division of the Social Sciences is pleased to invite nominations for the Hanna Holborn Gray Advanced Fellowships in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences. This award, established in 2005-2006, is made possible by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and is designated to support our very best graduate students in the second half of their graduate program at the University. The grant is made in honor of Mrs. Gray and is given in recognition of her dedicated efforts to improve and sustain graduate education at the University and beyond and of her own notable achievements as a scholar.

One fellowship will be awarded each year in the Humanities Division and one in the Social Sciences Division with the latter selected from the humanistic Social Sciences departments (Anthropology, Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, Comparative Human Development, History, Political Science, Social Thought, and Sociology). The fellowship will be awarded to students after their third year of study. Each department may nominate one student, and each division will assess its nominated students and will select its fellowship recipient. The term of the fellowship will be for three years, pending satisfactory progress. To qualify for renewal, a fellowship holder must be admitted to candidacy by the end of the fourth year of study and must submit annually a progress report and a schedule for completion of the degree. The fellowship will provide tuition, a stipend of \$20,000 per year (distributed over four quarters), and an additional allocation to cover required fees and University student health insurance on the Basic Plan. Gray Fellows may also undertake a reasonable number of teaching assignments during the tenure of the fellowship. This teaching will be done according to the fellows' own preferences and schedules, not as a required commitment, and fellows will be compensated additionally for that work. Other employment, either at the University or off-campus, will not be permitted.

The Gray Fellowship is meant to support students in both the penultimate and final phases of graduate study, beginning in the period when the dissertation proposal is being developed and carrying through the time of write-up and final completion of the dissertation. As with divisional dissertation-year fellowships (Harper, Mellon), students holding Gray Fellowships will be ineligible for subsequent funding through the University upon completion of the award. In the event your nominee is selected for a Gray Fellowship, the Gray award will replace his or her current University aid package.

The selection of Gray Fellows will follow established practices for competitive fellowships in the division. Each department is invited to nominate one student who is currently in the third year of study. Basic criteria include successful completion of all coursework, language requirements, and qualifying examinations by the end of the current academic year—that is, no later than June 12. Since the award is intended to support students during the period when the dissertation proposal is being developed, an approved proposal is not required, but nominees are asked to submit a general essay (eight to ten pages, double spaced) on the topic area proposed for the dissertation. Nominations must also include at least two letters of recommendation: a departmental letter from the chair or director of graduate studies, as is appropriate, and a second letter from a University of Chicago professor who has taught the nominated student and can write in support of the dissertation topic. Nominations must be accompanied by the Hannah Holborn Gray Fellowship application form (available in the Office of the Dean of Students, Foster 107 or on the web at: <http://socialsciences.uchicago.edu/current/forms.shtml>). The Dean of Students will provide a transcript upon receipt of the nomination packet.

Departments set deadline and procedures individually. Nominations are due in the Office of the Dean of Students, Foster 107, by **Friday, April 17, 2009**. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

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