

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

HARPER DISSERTATION-YEAR FELLOWSHIP
ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10

The University will provide funding for one Harper Dissertation-Year Fellowship in the Division of the Social Sciences in 2009-10. Harper fellowships constitute one of the highest honors given to our graduate students and the competition for this single award will be rigorous. The nominees should be truly outstanding. Nominations should be submitted only for those students who are most likely to complete the degree within the period of fellowship tenure.

Departments and committees are invited to submit **one** Harper nomination to the dean of students, who will forward nominations to the divisional selection committee. Nominations should be submitted **by Friday, April 17, 2009**. Announcements of the winners will be made in mid-May. Each application must include:

1. SSD Dissertation Year Fellowship Application Form (available online at: <http://socialsciences.uchicago.edu/current/forms.shtml>);
1. Letters of recommendation--at least two but not more than four (one of which must be from the dissertation adviser);
2. Statement from the applicant (of no more than four pages) that describes the dissertation project;
3. A one-page quarter-by-quarter timetable, signed by the nominee and the dissertation supervisor, indicating for the next 12-18 months the expected stages for completion of the Ph.D. (nominations lacking timetable will not be considered).
4. Copies of all completed dissertation chapters;
5. Any other original work by the student the department/committee may wish to submit (optional).
6. A transcript will be ordered by the Office of the Dean of Students upon receipt of nomination packet.

Please submit one original and three complete duplicates of the nomination packet.

Conditions of Award:

1. Harper fellows may not engage in any remunerative activity, including teaching, either on or off campus while holding the award.
2. Fellowships will be awarded for four consecutive quarters, without interruption, and may be activated in the summer or autumn quarter of 2009-10.
3. Harper fellows who do not complete their degrees within six months of completion of their fellowships are ineligible for further internal University funding from any source, including the tuition grant associated with teaching assignments.
4. For students pursuing joint programs, eligibility is through the home department only.

Value of Award:

Harper dissertation fellowships will provide tuition, fees, and University Basic student health insurance plus a quarterly stipend of \$4,500 for four quarters unless graduation occurs earlier (\$18,000 maximum).

Departments set deadlines 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.***

Questions may be directed to Kelly Therese Pollock,
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