Hanna Holborn Gray Advanced Fellowships in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences for Academic Year 2019-2020

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 to a student 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).

Each department may nominate one student who is currently in the fourth year of study. Departments set internal deadline and procedures individually. Nominations should be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2019. Announcements of the winners will be made in mid-May.

Each application must include:
1. Hanna Holborn Gray Fellowship Application Form (available online at: https://socialsciences.uchicago.edu/about/dean-of-students#forms).
2. Essay (eight to ten pages, double spaced) on the topic area proposed for the dissertation.
3. 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.
4. A curriculum vitae (CV).
5. A current University of Chicago official transcript.

Applicants do not have to be admitted to candidacy at the time of nomination; however, admission to candidacy is a requirement to start the award. To hold the award, a nominee must be admitted to candidacy by the end of Summer Quarter of the fourth year. If the student does not meet this requirement, the fellowship will be awarded to an alternate. The term of the fellowship will be for two years, pending satisfactory progress. To qualify for renewal, a fellowship holder must submit a progress report and schedule for completion of the degree. Gray Fellows must complete their pedagogical teaching requirements. Other employment, either at the University or off-campus, will not be permitted.

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, including the tuition grant associated with teaching assignments.

Terms in year 5: The Gray award will replace the student’s current University aid package for the fifth year. The fellowship will provide full tuition and a combination of stipend and teaching remuneration amounting to up to $30,000 for the year, plus an additional allocation to cover the required Student Life Fee and University student health insurance, if the fellow elects to take it. The stipend portion of the award, which will be determined by the standard divisional fellowship stipend reduction schedule, will be disbursed over four quarters and may be activated in the Summer or Autumn Quarter. The teaching remuneration portion will be paid in the quarters in which the teaching service is performed.

Terms in Year 6: The fellowship will be disbursed over four consecutive quarters without interruption. The fellow will receive tuition for four quarters, a stipend of $25,000 to be disbursed quarterly ($6,250 per quarter), plus the required Student Life Fee and University student health insurance, if the fellow elects to take it. In addition, the award will provide a supplemental stipend to help Gray Fellows to meet their research and professional expenses incurred in completing doctoral studies, securing an academic position, and preparing their first scholarly works for publication. The supplemental grant will be in the amount of $5,000 to be paid in two installments. The first payment of $2,500 will be included in the first-quarter stipend. The second, contingent payment, of $2,500 will be made to each fellow only on the condition that all requirements for the doctor’s degree have been met, including defense and final approval of the dissertation, by March 31 of the student’s seventh year of study.

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