The University will provide funding for one Harper Dissertation-Year Fellowship in the Division of the Social Sciences in 2019-2020. Harper Fellowships constitute one of the highest honors given to our graduate students and the competition for this 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.

Value of Award:
Harper dissertation fellowships will provide tuition, fees, and University Basic student health insurance plus an academic-year stipend of $27,000. If the student graduates with the Ph.D. within 18 months of the start of the fellowship tenure, he or she will receive a bonus stipend of $2,000.

Departments and committees are invited to submit up to two ranked nominees for the Harper fellowship competition to the Dean of Students, who will forward nominations to the divisional selection committee. Nominations should be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2019. Announcements of the winners will be made in mid-May. Each application must include:

1. SSD Dissertation Year Fellowship Application Form (available online at: https://apply-ssd.uchicago.edu/apply/).
2. At least two letters of support*.
3. Statement from the applicant that describes the dissertation project and a table of contents.
4. A statement of the current completion status of each chapter.
5. One completed dissertation chapter.
6. A curriculum vitae (CV).
7. A current University of Chicago official transcript.
   *One of the supporting letters must be from the principal dissertation supervisor who should address candidly and in some detail the applicant’s expected academic progress over the next 12 to 18 months and the likelihood of degree completion within that period.

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 the 2019-2020 academic year.
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.

Departments set deadlines and procedures individually. Nominations are due to the Office of the Dean of Students, Foster 107, by Friday, March 29, 2019.

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