

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

**MELLON DISSERTATION-YEAR FELLOWSHIPS
for ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018**

A grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in combination with matching funds from individual donors provides endowment support for dissertation-year fellowships in the Division of the Social Sciences. Up to eight fellowships may be awarded in academic year 2017-2018. In accord with conditions set by the Mellon Foundation, this program is designed to increase completion rates and promote reductions in time-to-degree in the **humanistic social sciences**: Anthropology; Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science; Comparative Human Development; History; Political Science; Social Thought; and Sociology. Preference in making the awards will be given to those students who are likely to complete the degree within tenure of the fellowship.

Value of Award

Mellon dissertation fellowships will provide tuition, fees, and University Basic student health insurance plus an academic-year stipend of \$25,000. 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 **ranked** nominations to the Dean of Students. Nominations should be submitted **by Friday, March 17, 2017**. 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://socialsciences.uchicago.edu/about/dean-of-students#forms>).
2. At least two letters of support* to be sent directly to the departmental administrator or included with the application (if included, the recommender should sign her/his name across the sealed flap).
3. Statement from the applicant (of no more than four pages, single-spaced) that describes the dissertation project, a table of contents and current completion status of each chapter, and one completed chapter.
4. A curriculum vitae (CV).
5. 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. Students who will be beyond their sixth year of doctoral study in 2017-2018 are not eligible for a dissertation fellowship. Quarters during which the student has been registered in pro forma status **do** count toward the years of study in the doctoral program. If a student was on leave of absence for a full academic year, that year will **not** count toward the total years of study.
2. Students must have been admitted to candidacy at the time of application.
3. Mellon fellows may not engage in any remunerative activity, including teaching, either on or off campus while holding the award.
4. Fellowships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year.
5. Mellon 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.
6. For students pursuing joint programs, eligibility is through the home department only.

Departments set deadlines and procedures individually. Nominations are due in the Office of the Dean of Students, Foster 107, by Friday, March 17, 2017. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

Questions may be directed to Kelly Therese Pollock,
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