THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Divisional Dissertation Completion Fellowships
for Academic Year 2019-2020

This program is designed to increase completion rates and promote reductions in time-to-degree in the social sciences. 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
Dissertation completion fellowships will provide tuition, University student health insurance, the Student Services fee, and an academic-year stipend of $27,000.

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Decisions will be announced in late May.

Eligibility:
1. Students can hold this fellowship no later than their eighth year of doctoral study. Quarters during which the student has been registered in pro forma status do count toward the years of study in the doctoral program. Official leaves of absence will not count toward the total years of study.
2. Students must have been admitted to candidacy at the time of application.

Application Materials:
1. SSD Dissertation Year Fellowship Application Form*, available online at: https://apply-ssd.uchicago.edu/apply/.
2. Statement from the applicant that describes the dissertation project and a table of contents.
3. A timeline and workplan for completion of the research and the dissertation. In formulating the plan, students are encouraged to confer with their dissertation advisers and to discuss a mentoring plan for the dissertation completion year.
4. A curriculum vitae (CV).
5. A letter of endorsement from the chair of the student’s dissertation committee that describes the intellectual merit of the dissertation and supports the timeline and workplan for completion and affirms a commitment to provide mentoring support during the dissertation completion year.

* Students who have previously submitted a dissertation year fellowship application form for 2019-2020 will automatically be considered for divisional dissertation completion awards if they are not awarded the fellowships to which they applied. However, these students may need an additional letter from the committee and should contact Kelly Therese Pollock at kpollock@uchicago.edu for instructions.

Conditions of Award
1. Dissertation completion fellows may not engage in any remunerative activity, either on or off campus, while holding the award. The sole exception is that students may serve as a lecturer in a single quarter during the year, with the confirmation of the committee that the lectureship will not interfere with the student’s ability to complete the dissertation in the timeframe.
2. Fellowships will be awarded for the 2019-2020 academic year and may not be deferred.
3. Fellows will be ineligible for further fellowships/scholarships after the tenure of the dissertation completion fellowship.
4. Fellows may not enroll at the university after the academic year following the year of the Dissertation Completion Fellowship, after Spring quarter 2021.
5. For students pursuing joint programs, eligibility is through the home department only.

Questions may be directed to:
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