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Graduate School Dean's Fellowship

The Graduate School Dean's Fellowship will award five fellowships of $20,000 annually to doctoral students in the final year of degree work. The Graduate School will also provide a full tuition scholarship* in support of each fellowship. The competition is for academic year 2018–19. Fellowships are competitive, with awardees chosen by a selection committee and final decisions sanctioned by the dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Marshall “Chip” Montrose.

Eligible students are those with a dissertation committee established and who will have all coursework completed by the beginning of fall semester, 2018. The fellowship entails a commitment of two semesters of full-time dissertation work. Thus nominations should not include those who will graduate prior to spring term 2019, nor should they include those who will be ineligible for funding in fall 2018 or spring 2019 due to the 174 graduate credit rule. Nominations are limited to one from each doctoral program and are made by the graduate program director in consultation with program faculty. The director’s letter of nomination must provide reasonable assurance that the dissertation is proceeding on schedule for graduation in spring 2019 or summer 2019.

The expectation is that recipients will produce superior scholarship that enhances the reputation of their program, department and the University of Cincinnati. The Graduate School reserves the right to award fewer than five fellowships if the quality of submissions is judged to be less than optimal.

Submission Requirements

1. Letter of nomination by the graduate program director (as part of the letter, the director must provide reasonable assurance that the dissertation is proceeding on schedule for graduation in the spring 2019 or summer 2019 term).
2. Statement from program providing the student’s total earned graduate credit hours (as of the end of the current semester, 17FS) and the number of credit hours the student is planning to take for the 2018 spring and summer semesters.
3. A recommendation letter from the student’s dissertation chair stating the student’s qualifications for the award and potential for leadership in the discipline.
4. At least one other letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the student’s academic and creative or research/scholarly accomplishments.
5. Student submission of a statement (up to two pages) describing creative and/or scholarly accomplishments, especially the significance in the discipline.
6. A two-page resume that includes current contact information for the student.
7. Student submission of plans (up to two pages) for the dissertation work during the fellowship year, including (a) approximate date of dissertation defense and graduation term and (b) number of credits still required to complete the degree before the start of the 2018–19 academic year.

* The tuition scholarships provided by the Graduate School do not cover the ITIE fee nor any program fees. The International Student Fee will not be covered.
8. A PDF copy of one representative paper given at meetings of the student’s society and/or academic journal publications or other media that features creative work.

Fellowship Responsibilities
- Register full-time (12 credits or more) for fall and spring semester, 2018–19.
- Register for ENGL 9010, Interdisciplinary Dissertation Workshop course, by Laura Micciche, in summer 2018 or fall 2018. (The course is not offered spring semester.)
- No teaching or research employment at UC or elsewhere.
- Preparation and delivery in March or April 2019 of a conference-style paper or performance or exhibition at a seminar or colloquium in the student’s program of study.
- Acknowledgement of the Graduate School Dean's Fellowship in publications resulting from work done during the fellowship year.

By 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, submit fellowship applications and supporting documents identified with authorship and nominee’s name to Megan Tischner. Whenever possible, submit all materials electronically as a single PDF in the order listed above. Applications may be emailed or submitted via shared cloud folder to megan.tischner@uc.edu.

The programs and nominators are responsible for submitting all requested materials for the fellowship. Programs will NOT be notified if materials are missing and the nominee will NOT be allowed to add anything missing or update materials after the deadline.

Announcement of awardees will be made by January 17, 2018. Please contact Megan Tischner (megan.tischner@uc.edu) with questions.