

CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES AT TUFTS (CHAT)

Dean of the Graduate School and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowships

These two fellowships support the dissertation research of doctoral students working in the humanities and the arts within the School of Arts and Sciences. Each fellowship offers a stipend of \$1,200 per month for 9–12 months. Each fellow will receive an additional \$800 upon for presenting their research at a conference, and for submitting a final report to Graduate School of Arts and Sciences on the research completed during their fellowship. The maximum award will be \$16,000.

Fellowship stipends will support research beginning between June 1 and September 1, 2009, and ending within 12 months of the commencement date. Fellowships will not be renewed or extended. Fellows are expected to devote full time to their dissertation research without holding teaching or research assistantships or undertaking other paid work. Fellows may use stipends to meet living expenses, travel costs, and other expenses that enable dissertation research to be carried out. The award must be used during the time for which it is offered. In addition, recipients of the Deans' Fellowships are Graduate Student Fellows in the Center for Humanities at Tufts; as such, they would be invited to be full participants in the work of CHAT.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be doing research for a doctoral degree in the humanities or the arts. It is the applicant's research and not departmental affiliation that must be in the humanities.
2. The applicant must have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation and be ready to start research for the dissertation as early as June 1 and no later than September 1, 2009, with approval of the dissertation proposal six months before the starting date.
3. The applicant must be in good academic standing as defined by the rules of the Graduate School
4. During the award period the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student as defined by the rules of the Graduate School.
5. An applicant may be of any nationality.
6. An applicant may apply simultaneously for other fellowships, but fellows may not hold other fellowships simultaneously with a dean's fellowship.

Nomination:

Departments may nominate up to two applicants for a Dean's fellowship. The nomination packet for each applicant should include:

1. A letter of nomination from the department
2. A letter from the student's dissertation director, evaluating the student's work done at Tufts and progress towards the completion of the degree. Include details about teaching, merit of the student's project, and the student's professional activities.
3. A statement of purpose, not to exceed 1500 words, from the student, that describes what the student proposes to do during the period of the fellowship, and what s/he has done since the dissertation proposal, including any changes in the project since the proposal was filed.
4. Copy of the student's Tufts transcript.

Selection:

The selection committee will include the Director, members of the Advisory board to CHAT, and the Dean of the Graduate School as an ex officio member. The Director of the Center for Humanities at Tufts will serve as chair of the committee. Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of scholarly merit. Preference may be given to students who are within six years of beginning their degree. If the student is not within six years, then the department should address the issue of timely progress toward the degree in their nomination letter. Generally no more than one fellowship will be granted to a particular department.

Deadline: 12:00 noon, Friday, April 17, 2009 Please send submissions to: Jonathan Wilson, Director, Center for the Humanities at Tufts, Fung House, 48 Professors Row.

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