Center for the Humanities at Tufts (CHAT) Dean’s Dissertation Fellowships provide support in the dissertation research of two doctoral students working in the humanities and the arts within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Graduate students nominated by the following departments are eligible: Theatre and Performance Studies, English, and History. Each fellowship offers a stipend of $1,350 per month for 9–12 months, with up to an additional $1,800 if the research is presented at conferences, and upon submission of a final report. Each Fellow is required to submit this report to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences on the research completed during the fellowship. The maximum stipend awarded will be $18,000.

Fellowship stipends will support research beginning between June 1 and September 1, 2018, 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 stipend must be used during the time for which it is offered.

Recipientsof the CHAT Deans’ Dissertation Fellowships are Graduate Student Fellows in the Center for the Humanities at Tufts. As such, they are expected to be full participants in the work of CHAT with the Director and Fellows including round-table discussions, guest lectures, and events which encourage dialogue between the humanities disciplines.

**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 or the arts.
2. The applicant must have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation and must be ready to begin their dissertation research as early as June 1 and no later than September 1, 2018. This does require that the applicant received approval of their dissertation proposal at least six months before their intended research start date.
3. The applicant must be in good academic standing as defined by the rules of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
4. During the award period the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student as defined by the rules of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
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 CHAT Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship.
Nomination

Nominations must come directly from the departments, who may nominate up to three applicants for a CHAT Dean’s Dissertation 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 2-3 page statement of purpose from the student, including 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 the 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 its nomination letter. Generally no more than one fellowship will be granted to a particular department.

Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2018

Nominations and Applications Must Be Submitted Electronically by Departments to: https://tufts.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dCx9IpVKLnLZQ1

Questions

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