

## SLCL Dissertation Completion Fellowship

SLCL invites nominations for the **Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, which provides advanced doctoral students with an academic year of support to write and complete their dissertation. The fellowship is meant to facilitate timely completion of the PhD, therefore, nominees must be in a position to complete their dissertations within the period of their fellowship tenure, and no later than the last day of August of the year after being awarded the fellowship. This fellowship may not be held concurrently with any other fellowships, employment or grant.

### Eligibility:

Nominees must:

- Have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation (i.e., obtained ABD status) *by nomination deadline*.
- Not currently hold another fellowship, or have previously held a dissertation completion fellowship
- All data collection must be completed by the end of the semester in which the application is presented.

### - Proposal requirements:

- **Project description:** describe the dissertation and give a specific timetable for completion. The proposal should be no more than 3 double-spaced pages using 12-point type and one-inch margins. The bibliography or reference list is not included in the page limit.
- **Support information:** list *any* departmental or external support received (including TAs, RAships and awards) as well as pending outside grant applications to support the student's research and writing.
- **Two letters of reference:**
  - 1) One from the student's adviser. The adviser must comment on the applicant's timely progress toward the degree up to the time of application, the current state of completion of the dissertation (e.g. data collection and analysis, chapters written, etc.), and the likelihood that it will be completed by August. If there are exceptional circumstances why progress was interrupted or delayed, they should be addressed, as well.
  - 2) One from the student's dissertation director. If the adviser and thesis director are the same person, the second letter should come from another member of the student's dissertation committee.
- **Curriculum vitae**, including publications.

- **SLCL Student Services will provide an Academic History.**

**Evaluation criteria:**

- The quality of the proposal, in relation to its scope, theoretical framework, methodology and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature.
- The feasibility of the project and the likelihood that the nominee will execute the work within the proposed period.
- The potential of the project to advance the field of study in which it is proposed and make an original and significant contribution to it.
- The nominee's overall academic record and potential for scholarly achievement.
- Prior fellowship support.

N.B: Members of the executive committee will recuse themselves from rating or otherwise making deliberative comments during the selection process regarding proposals that originated in their home department, or involving their advisees.

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