THE CUNY GRADUATE CENTER DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS
for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

Applications Due: Monday, December 17, 2012, no later than 12:00 pm

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must be registered or on an approved leave of absence during the 2012-2013 academic year to be eligible to apply. For your application to be considered, you must be officially advanced to candidacy (level III) with a completed “Advancement to Candidacy for the Doctoral Degree” form on file in the Registrar’s Office before February 15, 2013. (Level II students may apply for the December 17, 2012 deadline, but they must be level III by February 15, 2013.) Students who have received a dissertation fellowship of $10,000 or more from the Graduate Center previously are not eligible.

A student holding a five-year fellowship from the Graduate Center (e.g., Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship, MAGNET Fellowship, Gilleece Fellowship, or CUNY Science Scholarship) may not hold a dissertation fellowship concurrently with the five-year award. A student with a five-year award may apply, but if selected for a dissertation fellowship she/he will have to choose between the five-year fellowship funding and the dissertation fellowship funding.

A student holding a Graduate Center fellowship that is not part of a five-year award (a freestanding Graduate Assistantship A, B, C, or D) may apply for the dissertation fellowships but, if offered an award, the total funding (Graduate Assistant salary plus Dissertation Fellowship stipend) may not exceed $30,000. If the combined amount exceeds $30,000 the student will have to choose between the dissertation fellowship and the graduate assistantship.

All applicants will automatically be considered for all relevant dissertation awards, with the exception of those listed on the checklist of special focus awards (on the online portion of the application). Students wishing to apply for these special focus awards should check off the awards for which they are eligible.

Dissertation Fellowships are intended for students who expect to complete the dissertation during 2013-2014 award year; the applicant’s likelihood of completing the dissertation during this period may be taken into consideration in the selection process. Fellowship recipients are required to be registered during the award year. Students who qualify for the Ph.D. in time for an October 2013 degree are not eligible to receive the fellowship.
DESCRIPTION OF DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

All fellowships and grants are contingent on the availability of funds. The Graduate Center reserves the right not to offer specific fellowships, the right to reduce the number of fellowships offered in any given category, the right to reduce the amounts awarded, and the right to alter benefits granted in conjunction with specific awards.

Award amounts vary between $5,000 and $22,000.

**Special Focus Awards:** Applicants must indicate on the online application if they wish to be considered for any of these awards, please note that some require additional statements providing a brief summary of the connection between the applicant’s research and the focus of the award.

**Randolph L. Braham Dissertation Award**, an award for dissertation-level students whose doctoral research is in the area of Jewish, East European politics and government, or Holocaust-related studies, was established by Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Political Science Randolph L. Braham, who directs the Rosenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies.

**Ralph Bunche Dissertation Fellowship**, established in honor of the late Nobel Laureate by the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, is for a social science doctoral candidate working on areas that concerned Ralph Bunche, especially the United Nations and multilateralism, international politics, African and Middle Eastern affairs, U.S. foreign policy, race relations, and human rights.

**The Center for Place, Culture and Politics Dissertation Fellowship** is available to students conducting research on a range of contemporary topics. The Center runs a weekly seminar, hosts distinguished lecture series, and organizes conferences following a theme which changes each year. Recent themes have included “War, Patriotism, Resistance,” “Transformative Cities,” “Geopolitics and Insecurity,” “Radical Urbanism,” “Labor, Crisis, Protest,” and “How to Fight.” Information on the CPCP Fellowship theme for 2013-2014 can be found at: [http://pcp.gc.cuny.edu/fellowships/#theme](http://pcp.gc.cuny.edu/fellowships/#theme). Application requires additional statement of applicability.

**European Union Studies Center Dissertation Fellowship** for dissertations in the Social Sciences on topics relating to the European Union and its member countries or candidates for membership, in the context of their relationships with the European Union.

**Ford Foundation Award** is to aid a student whose dissertation research deals with issues of gender, race, identity, sexuality, or higher education policy. Preference will be given to traditionally underrepresented students in the academy. The award covers expenses such as travel and research materials. Requires a brief itemized budget.

**The Leon Levy Center for Biography Dissertation Fellowship** is available to students whose dissertations take a biographical approach to their subject matter. The Center encourages
the connection between university-based and independent biographers working in print, visual arts, and other media. Fellows are required to attend public programs and a seminar throughout the academic year.

**MAGNET Dissertation Fellowships** are established through the Office of Educational Opportunity and Diversity Programs to aid outstanding African-American and Latino/a doctoral students (citizens or permanent residents) in completing the dissertation.

**Mellon Dissertation Fellowship** is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, which directs the selection process. The Fellowship is based on a yearly theme please see [http://centerforthehumanitiesgc.org](http://centerforthehumanitiesgc.org) for details. Award amount: Application requires additional statement of applicability.

**Alexander C. Naclerio Award** is to aid a student pursuing dissertation research in housing and urban development.

**Athena Pollis Fellowship in Human Rights** was established by Professor Adamantia Pollis for an outstanding student whose dissertation involves international, comparative, or theoretical human rights issues or who wishes to intern at a human rights NGO with preference for applicants of color or from other countries.

**The Martin E. Segal Dissertation Fellowship** will be awarded to a student currently writing a dissertation on a New York City-based subject. The fellowship honors Martin E. Segal’s passionate, life-long commitment to both The Graduate Center and the city of New York. Preference will be given to dissertations that explore New York’s cultural life, its theatre, its music, its arts and its letters, but any New York-focused dissertation will be considered. A candidate’s prospectus must have been approved.

**General Awards and Fellowships**: all qualified applicants will be automatically considered for these awards.

**The B. Altman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship** is for a dissertation-level student from any program.

**Mario Capelloni Dissertation Fellowship**, established by the late Nelly Gabel Capelloni, with the help of estate executor Myron Glucksman, in honor of her husband, is for students of high academic merit who show exceptional promise in their field of study.

**Carell Dissertation Fellowship** was established by Monroe Carell, Jr. for students of high academic merit who plan to pursue careers with limited earnings expectations.

**Lane Cooper Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities** is co-sponsored by the CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences. The fellowship is for a student in the humanities who shows promise as a scholar and teacher.
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Dissertation Year Fellowship is for a student from any program. Award amount: $22,000 plus in-state tuition.

Doctoral Students’ Council Dissertation Fellowship, established by the DSC, will offer one fellowship to a student in the Humanities, one to a student in the Sciences, and one to a student in the Social Sciences, and one Community Fellowship for a student conducting interdisciplinary research or activities that cross program boundaries.

Frances Degen Horowitz Dissertation Fellowship is named in honor of Dr. Horowitz, President Emerita and Professor of Developmental Psychology.

Frances Degen Horowitz Travel Award, named in honor of the President Emerita of The Graduate Center and Professor of Developmental Psychology, is for travel expenses related to dissertation research.

Helaine Newstead Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, named in memory of our Professor of English and Comparative Literature.

Harold M. Proshansky Dissertation Fellowship, named for the second president of The Graduate Center, who pioneered the study of Environmental Psychology, is for a student whose dissertation involves the human condition in urban settings, focusing on New York City.

Mina Rees Dissertation Fellowship in the Sciences, named for our first Graduate Center President and Professor of Mathematics.

William Randolph Hearst Dissertation Year Award is to aid a student who is African-American or Latino/a (citizen or permanent resident) in completing the dissertation.

Rose Kfar Rose Dissertation Award is named for the donor, a Holocaust survivor who was a graduate of the Chemistry program and established this award for an outstanding Chemistry student to be selected by the program.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. Dissertation Proposal Award, named for the noted historian and professor emeritus, recognizes an outstanding proposal for research into historical aspects of a topic involving America’s past, present, or future.

Martin M. Spiaggia Dissertation Award in Arts & Humanities is named in honor of the donor and is for students of high academic merit.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The completed application must be submitted no later than **12:00 noon on Monday, December 17, 2012.** The applications are to be submitted as per the following instructions. Your adviser must submit a letter of recommendation by the same deadline, December 17, 2012.

**Instructions for submitting your application:**

1. Login to “student web” via “portal” on GC homepage
   
   https://banner.gc.cuny.edu/prod/plsql/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin

2. Go to “Financial Aid” link.

3. Click on the “Apply Dissertation Fellowship” Link.

4. Enter the information for Dissertation Title, Committee Members, and Adviser, and check off special focus awards you are applying for (if applicable).

5. Submit Application - when you submit this part of the application you will see a link to the “Dissertation Fellowship Dropbox” where you will submit your proposal, cv, and transcript.

   - The direct link for the Dissertation Fellowship Dropbox is: https://wfs.gc.cuny.edu/provost/Dissertation_Fellowships/dissertationfellowships.xapp

   - Use your GC login and password to open the link

6. Combine your cover sheet, proposal (including abstract and bibliography), your curriculum vitae, your transcript, and any additional statements of applicability into a SINGLE file (either as a pdf document or a word document).

   - Use the following format when naming your document: Last Name, First Name, Program


**Instructions for Faculty Recommenders**

1. Prepare your reference letter as a regular word or pdf document.

   - Please use the following format when naming your document: Student Last Name, First Name

2. Go to the following link, login using your GC login and password:

   https://wfs.gc.cuny.edu/provost/Dissertation_Fellowships/dissertationfellowships.xapp

3. Upload your document.
APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Please see the “instructions” document for complete details about how to submit your application. Each application must include the following:

1. **Cover sheet**

2. **Proposal**
   a.) **9 page project description** including a 150 word abstract (the abstract should be single-spaced at the top of page 1). The project description should include discussion of the background, relevant literature, methodology, data, projected results, and a time-line indicating expected progress.
   b.) **1 page selected bibliography**

   The text describing the dissertation project should be double-spaced using a 12-point font with numbered pages and a 1-inch margin. The abstract and bibliography can be single-spaced.

   Students are advised to keep in mind that the review committees will be composed of faculty from various disciplines. Proposals should be jargon-free and clearly written.

3. **Two page curriculum vitae.**

4. **Current Graduate Center transcript.** (Students may submit the unofficial student copy that can be printed from banner.)

   The application materials should be assembled AS A SINGLE DOCUMENT in pdf or word format in the following order:

   a. Application cover sheet
   b. Statement of applicability for special focus awards (if applicable)
   c. 9-page proposal
   d. 1-page bibliography
   e. 2-page CV
   f. Graduate Center Transcript (unofficial student copy is sufficient)

I letter of reference to be submitted electronically by your adviser (see instructions page)

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Sponzo at rsponzo@gc.cuny.edu, or 212-817-7282.