2019 Dissertation Year Fellowship

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Group Exercise

Explain your research to the person sitting next to you as clearly and simply as you can without using specialized vocabulary.
Purpose of award

Fellowships are for a maximum tenure of one academic year and are available on a competitive basis to doctoral students who have been advanced to candidacy.

These awards include a stipend and a waiver of the doctoral research fee and mandatory fees for the period of the award.
Review of Applicants: 2018

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2018 Programs (Awarded-15/Applied-51):

- Bio Chem. (0/1)
- Chemistry (0/2)
- Civil Engineering (0/4)
- Compute Science (1/1)
- Economics (0/2)
- Education (2/5)
- English (2/6)
- Oceanography (0/1)
- Genetics (0/1)

- History (1/2)
- Mathematics (1/3)+HM
- Molecular, Cellular, Biomedical Sciences (1/1)
- Mechanical Engineering (1/4)
- Natural Resources and Earth System Science (4/10)
- Physics (0/3)
- Psychology (2/2)
- Sociology (0/3)
2019 Dissertation Year Fellowship Deadlines

- Application materials/instructions available as of Friday, September 27, 2018.

- Deadlines for submission:
  - Applicant’s materials: **Thursday, January 3, 2019 (midnight)**
  - Referee’s letters: **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 (midnight)**

- Deadlines are firm with no exceptions. Meeting a deadline is an important part of the process.
Application Requirements

See [http://www.gradschool.unh.edu/pdf/frm_aid.php](http://www.gradschool.unh.edu/pdf/frm_aid.php) for complete instructions, all relevant forms, and previous examples of successful proposals.

- **Cover Page (Online Application Form)**
  - Provide basic information about proposal and contact information for your selected referees.

- **Statement of Significance (Part of the Application Form)**
  - Provide a brief statement describing the contribution your proposed research will make to your program/discipline.

- **Proposal**
  - Clear, concise, non-technical statement describing your dissertation research.

- **Citations**
  - If you cited scholarly works in your proposal, you will need to cite them in a bibliographical citations list (annotations are not required).

- **Schedule**
  - Outline your work plan for the upcoming academic year. If you have not been advanced to candidacy, also outline what remains to be completed.

- **Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae**
  - Submit an abbreviated CV that includes the following: academic background, scholarly achievement at UNH, experience, publications, previous awards, and other relevant information.

- **Letters of Recommendations**
  - Two letters of reference will be required; please request ONE each from your Dissertation Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator.
Application Formatting

- Follow all application instructions carefully.
- Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, and 1” margins throughout
- Spacing varies by section:
  - Cover Page (Online Application Form): Fill in pre-formatted fields
  - Statement of Significance (Part of the Application Form): Double-spacing; **150-word limit**
  - Proposal: Double-spacing, 4-page limit, no appendices
  - Citations: Use citation style appropriate to your discipline (no page limit)
  - Schedule: Table/grid format, 1-page, single-spacing
  - Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae: 2-page limit
Award selection process

Committee-based selection process

Consists of one member of the following UNH colleges: COLSA, COLA, CEPS, PAUL, CHHS and Faculty Fellow in the Graduate School

Each application is read by ALL committee members

Decisions are made as a group
Award selection process, cont’d.

Scoring:

- Tallied per applicant out of **25** possible points:
  - Statement of Significance……… **2** pts.
  - Scholarly Achievement………….. **6** pts.
    - Further broken down into:
      - GPA: **2** pts.
      - Academic Achievement (publications, chapters, presentations, etc.): **4** pts.
  - Proposal Quality……………….. **10** pts.
  - Recommendation Letters…….. **5** pts.
    - One each from applicant’s Dissertation Chair and Graduate Program Coordinator
  - Schedule for Completion………. **2** pts.

- Samples of past successful proposals are available online for reference
Most Important Hint!

The ability to communicate the societal value of basic research to nonacademic audiences is morphing from an optional soft skill to a crucial tool for scientists who are competing over finite or shrinking resources for research.

Consider doing the Three Minute Thesis!
- https://gradschool.unh.edu/3mt.php
- Science Gone Social | The Scientist Magazine®

Consider attending a writing group (coming soon – stay tuned to Grad School weekly updates)
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Questions?