



GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN ETHICS 2018-2019

Purpose

The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics encourages teaching and research about ethical issues in the professions and public life. Its graduate fellowships support outstanding Harvard graduate and professional students who are writing dissertations or are engaged in major research on topics in practical ethics, especially ethical issues in areas such as architecture, business, education, government, law, medicine, public health, public policy, and religion.

Activities

Graduate Fellows are expected to devote their time to an approved course of research and study and to participate in a weekly Center seminar, where they read works in moral and political philosophy and discuss research problems and strategies common to the study of practical and professional ethics. In addition, Graduate Fellows are expected to take part in the wider intellectual life of the Center.

Eligibility

Students should either be enrolled in a Harvard doctoral program; enrolled in or a recent graduate of a Harvard professional degree program that does not require a doctoral dissertation for an academic career (such as law or medicine); or a current Harvard affiliate who is engaged in postgraduate training or in appropriate graduate training at another school and has no academic or professional commitments in 2018-2019. All course requirements and general examinations must be completed before the start of the fellowship year. Students taking a full or partial course load in either semester of the fellowship year are ineligible. The Center seeks applicants who have excelled in their fields of specialization, have demonstrated an interest in questions of value that cut across disciplinary boundaries, and who are likely to make significant contributions to teaching and scholarship in practical and professional ethics. Some successful applicants will have a strong background in moral philosophy or political thought; others will be grounded in fields of public policy or professional practice.

Awards

Graduate Fellows are provided with a study space, access to a computer and printer, and a modest allowance for research, copying, and office supplies. Graduate Fellowships are announced in mid-February for the upcoming academic year.

How to Apply

Please prepare the following documents in .pdf, .doc, or .docx format, and upload to the application form linked at ethics.harvard.edu/pages/graduate-fellowships:

- Statement describing your interest in practical and professional ethics and plans for a dissertation or research project (no more than 2,000 words)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts (accepted applicants will be required to furnish official transcripts)
- Scholarly paper you have written

In addition, applicants should arrange for **two letters of reference** to be sent by email to applications@ethics.harvard.edu, with the name of the applicant indicated in the subject line.

The application deadline for Graduate Fellowships beginning in September 2018 is **November 1, 2017**.

Decisions will be sent by February 16, 2018.

Further information can be found at <http://ethics.harvard.edu/pages/graduate-fellowships>.

Questions may be directed to applications@ethics.harvard.edu.