

GRADUATE SOCIETY PREDISSENTATION SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS SUMMER 2018

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

This summer award provides support to outstanding GSAS doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences for the purpose of summer language study and/or preliminary dissertation research or fieldwork. **Preference will be given to goals or projects that help advance the applicant to readiness for developing and implementing the eventual dissertation.** It is ordinarily for students in the summer following the G1 year or G2 or G3, and is intended for students still at an early stage in the development of the dissertation -- prior to having an approved prospectus. The award is merit-based; financial need is not a consideration. Please be aware that GSAS can only offer 24 awards in this fellowship category, and we typically get around 80 applications. Planning for the summer should not be based on an assumption of receiving this award.

STIPEND AND TENURE

The award may be used in the US or abroad. The stipend is \$3,000. Please note that although the standard form includes a budget form, applicants should keep their budget total within the cap of \$3,000. Payment is in one lump sum on July 1st.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In applying for summer fellowships, students may apply either for a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Fellowship; they may not apply for both.
2. Students who have received either a Harvard Summer School Tuition Fellowship or a Graduate Society Summer Predissertation Fellowship in the past are no longer eligible to apply for either of these awards. However, they are not disqualified if they have received the GSAS Summer Research Awards, since these are made available as part of the financial aid package, and hence on a completely different basis.
3. Students applying for either a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Fellowship may not apply in any other Graduate Society Fellowship category during the same application year.
4. Students applying for either a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Fellowship must also apply for all other internal or external summer fellowships (either from a Harvard research center or a non-Harvard external source). For a list of fellowships, see *Graduate Guide to Grants* on the GSAS [Fellowships Office website](#).
5. Students must accept external or Harvard research center awards. Tapping into these other sources helps to cover the greatest number of eligible students who apply for summer awards (in some fields GSAS is the only viable source).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENT

Applications for the Summer Predissertation Fellowship must be completed in CARAT by the internal departmental deadline.

A completed application includes the following materials:

1. Application form, including budget sheet
2. Current resume/CV; *not* to exceed two pages
3. Current transcript

Note that when applying for internal Harvard fellowships, students do not need to submit an official transcript from the Registrar's Office. They may submit a copy of their grade report available online from <http://my.harvard.edu>. From *Student Home*, navigate to the *Grades* tab. Click *View Unofficial Transcripts*.

4. Statement of purpose

Double-spaced and *not* to exceed 1,000 words. The statement should describe your proposed use of the award. For research abroad, please describe the subject and plan of your research, including the feasibility and necessity of undertaking it in the proposed country or countries. Similarly, for language study, describe the necessity of the language for your future research.

5. One letter of recommendation

The recommender must upload the letter directly into CARAT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENTS

First step: announce deadline when students must submit application in CARAT.

Once the required materials have been submitted by the applicants, the nomination procedure may vary according to the size of the department and the size of the eligible candidate pool. In some cases, a committee is formed; in others, the determination is made through informal consultation. In general, the determination is based on a combined evaluation of the applicant's Statement of Purpose, the faculty letter of recommendation, and the overall performance of the student. A nomination form is to be completed by the department chair, and includes a rank order of the candidates.

Please note the restrictions described above: that students may not apply for a Summer School Tuition Fellowship and a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship; in addition, students who have received either a Harvard Summer School Tuition Fellowship or a Graduate Society Summer Fellowship in the past are no longer eligible to apply for either of these awards. And, finally, that any student applying in the summer category of Graduate Society Fellowships may not apply in the Merit or DCF category during the same application year.

Please list your nominees in rank order. Once the department has done its ranking and completed its nomination form, we request that the departments **upload this nomination form to each student's application in CARAT.**

Department nominations and any accompanying materials should be submitted in CARAT by the deadline of Friday, February 9, 2018. Questions may be addressed to Cynthia Verba, Director of Fellowships, (617) 495-1814.