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Dissertation Fellowship 2010-2011

Criteria and Application Procedures

The Dissertation Fellowship is awarded to a doctoral candidate making satisfactory progress toward completion of the Ph.D. degree. The award will be given annually when funds permit. Prospective applicants should first consult with their advisor to determine if they meet the award criteria. Preference will be given to applicants who are most likely to use the award to further their progress toward Milestone 6: the Dissertation Defense. Award criteria and application procedures are listed below. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator, Polly Sebastian (pollys@umd.edu), if you have questions.

Criteria

Applications for a Dissertation Fellowship will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- GPA and minimum number of incomplete grades in coursework (excluding 899s)
- Strength of advisor's recommendation - letter of support (see below)
- Merit of the proposed dissertation research
- Feasibility of conducting/completing research in a timely manner
- Record of departmental citizenship
- Preference will be given to candidates who have completed Milestone 5 (Dissertation Proposal) by Spring semester of the application year, although those who have completed Milestone 4 (Advancement to Candidacy) by the end of the Fall semester also may receive consideration
- Preference will be given to teaching assistants and students who have not received fellowship support previously

Application Procedures

Applicants should submit a packet to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Polly Sebastian (pollys@umd.edu), containing the following materials:

1. Letter of application stating the candidate's research focus and specifically addressing her/his qualifications based on the criteria above
2. Candidate's detailed date-line plan for the completion of the dissertation
3. Unofficial copy of the transcript
4. Letter of support from major advisor in a sealed envelope (Note: letter should address (a) satisfactory progress, (b) timely completion of the dissertation, (c) departmental citizenship, (d) merit of the proposed research, and (e) any other information that could impact selection)

2010 Deadline for Applications

Applicants should submit a **letter of intent** to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Polly Sebastian (pollys@umd.edu) by noon on Friday February 5, 2010. The **completed application packet** should be submitted to the Graduate Program Coordinator by Friday February 19, 2010.
