

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

Description of Award

The dissertation fellowships provide one year of support for individuals working to complete a dissertation leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree. The Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship is intended to support the final year of writing and defense of the dissertation.

Dissertation fellowships will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in the U.S., show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

Looking for additional information? Try these links:

- [Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship](#)
- [Fact Sheet - Dissertation](#)

Eligibility

- U.S. citizens, nationals, & permanent residents; individuals granted deferred action status under DACA, Indigenous individuals exercising rights associated with the Jay Treaty of 1794; individuals granted Temporary Protection Status; asylees; and refugees
- Evidence of superior academic achievement (e.g., GPA, class rank, honors)
- Committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in the U.S.
- Ph.D. or Sc.D. degree candidates studying in an eligible research-based discipline in a dissertation-required program at a non-proprietary (not for profit) U.S. institution of higher education who will complete the dissertation in a period of 9-12 months during the upcoming academic year
- Individuals who, by the application due date, have completed all departmental and institutional requirements for their degree, except for writing and defense of the dissertation
- Individuals who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time, in any field.
- **Note:** See the link below for further explanation of eligibility and to view Positive Factors for Selection.
 - [Fact Sheet - Dissertation](#)

Funds Provided

- One-year stipend of \$28,000

Deadlines

- Primary deadlines occur in December of each year (application opens in September)
- Supplementary materials deadlines occur the following January

Major Application Components

Main Application

- Proposed plan of study
- Field of study

- Keywords

Essays

- Personal Statement (2 pages)
 - Background, experience, and commitment to the goals of the Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs
- Statement of Previous Research and Scholarly Productivity (3 pages)
 - Summary of previous research
 - List of publications and presentations
- Dissertation Abstract (1 page)
- Proposed plan for completion of dissertation and timeline describing long-range career goals (3 pages)
- Annotated bibliography

Reference Letters (Supplementary Material, later deadline)

Note: There are a number of specifications to these guidelines - including information about each required section, formatting specifications, submission instructions, and document guidelines. See the link below for full requirements.

Detailed application requirements:

[Application Instructions - Dissertation](#)

Contact Information for Successful Applicants

References

https://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_166318

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