

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships will be awarded to the strongest applicants and priority will be given to those able to demonstrate an ability to finish the dissertation over the following academic year. The deadline for applying for a dissertation completion fellowship is the second Friday in March. The application instructions and coversheet are below. Please let your dissertation director know asap that you would will be applying and will need a letter from him/her.

Dissertation Completion Fellowships Guidelines

The candidate must submit an application to the DGS by the **second Friday in March** including:

- A Dissertation Completion Fellowship application coversheet (see below)
- An abstract of the dissertation with a clear indication of how much work has been completed and what remains to be completed. In deciding about funding, priority will be given to candidates who will be able to complete their projects within the coming year. The summary should be no more than five pages long, and should be written in a way that will allow scholars from outside the applicant's discipline to evaluate the significance and feasibility of the project. Applicants should bear in mind that the majority of the readers on the Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee will be from outside the applicant's area of specialization and there may be no reader on the committee working directly in the applicant's particular area. All faculty committee members will be from the English Department.
- A **curriculum vitae**
- A **transcript** of UB graduate coursework
- A **letter from the dissertation director** assessing the quality and significance of the project, the student's progress to date toward the degree, and the estimated timetable for the completion of the project. Dissertation directors are urged to write a letter that will make the applicant's project clear to persons outside his or her field. Providing the committee with some context and some idea of how to assess the project's significance in relation to others in the same area will help the committee make appropriate decisions. This letter should be emailed directly to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- A **writing sample of 20-25 pages**.

Please observe the following guidelines when submitting the dossier:

Please use 12-point type (dissertation summary and writing sample double-spaced).

***EMAIL YOUR FULL APPLICATION AS A SINGLE PDF** to the Director of Graduate Studies by 5:00 PM, the second Friday in March.

The Fellowship Committee will review the applications and award the fellowships by April 15.

Successful candidates will receive the award in September, after the drop/add period ends.

APPLICATION COVERSHEET
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP

Name: _____

Dissertation Director: _____

Year in PHD Program: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please make sure each of the following is included in this application, and indicate that it is by checking the box next to it.

DISSERTATION/PROJECT TITLE _____

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT _____

WRITING SAMPLE (20 - 25 pp) _____

CURRICULUM VITAE _____

UB TRANSCRIPT _____

LETTER FROM DISSERTATION OR PROJECT ADVISOR