

OPLER-DOUBRAVA FIFTH-YEAR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is NOT a dissertation completion fellowship, so priority will be given to the strongest application materials, as opposed to those representing the most pages written. The application dossier should include:

- an **Opler-Doubrava application coversheet** (see below);
- a **dissertation abstract** that provides an indication of what work has been completed and what remains to be completed (although, again, the pressure is NOT to assure your reader that you will finish during the fifth year, but that you are writing the strongest dissertation possible). The abstract should be no more than five pages long, and it should be written in a way that will allow scholars from outside the applicant's field to evaluate the significance and feasibility of the project. Applicants should bear in mind that the majority of the readers on the Graduate Fellowship Committee will be from outside the applicant's area of specialization – and, in fact, there will likely be no reader on the committee who works directly in the applicant's particular area. All faculty members of the Graduate Fellowship Committee will be from the English Department;
- a **curriculum vitae**;
- a **letter from the dissertation director** assessing the quality and significance 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. *The letter should be emailed directly to the Director of Graduate Studies*;
- and a **completed draft of a dissertation chapter**.

When compiling the application dossier, please be sure to use 12-point type and to double-space the dissertation abstract and writing sample.

The application deadline will fall immediately after spring break: the Director of Graduate Studies will announce the actual date early in the semester. Please send the application dossier (minus the letter of recommendation) as a **SINGLE PDF to the Director of Graduate Studies**.

**APPLICATION COVERSHEET, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
OPLER-DOUBRAVA FIFTH-YEAR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Field: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Dissertation Director: _____

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 ABSTRACT _____

WRITING SAMPLE (full chapter up to 50 pp.) _____

CURRICULUM VITAE _____

LETTER FROM DISSERTATION DIRECTOR _____