

Opler-Doubrava Fifth Year Dissertation Fellowship

This fellowship is NOT a dissertation completion fellowship, so priority will go to the strongest (as opposed to the most complete) application. Application materials should include:

- An Opler-Doubrava application coversheet (see below)
- An abstract of the dissertation with an indication of how much work has been completed and what remains to be completed (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 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. 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.*
- A **draft of a dissertation chapter.**

Please observe the following guidelines when submitting the dossier:

- 1. Please use 12-point type (with dissertation abstract and writing sample double-spaced).**
- 2. Email a copy of your application as a SINGLE PDF to the Director of Graduate Studies, by the last Friday in March**

**APPLICATION COVERSHEET DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH,
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO Opler-Doubrava FIFTH YEAR
DISSERTATION 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 (FULL CHAPTER UP TO 50 pp.) _____

CURRICULUM VITAE _____

UB TRANSCRIPT _____

LETTER FROM DISSERTATION OR PROJECT ADVISOR _____