2018-19 Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship
Call for Applications
Summer 2019

Deadline: February 25, 2019 (Noon)

Background: The Mellon Foundation, in partnership with the State of Wisconsin, provides funding to the College of Letters & Science for this initiative. The funds represent an ongoing commitment to support graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. This fellowship competition is administered by the Graduate School.

Eligibility: International and domestic students, including permanent residents and refugees, may apply for these fellowships. In addition, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in a PhD program located within the College of Letters & Science (students in MFA or DMA programs are not eligible);
- Be engaged in dissertation research in the humanities or humanistic social sciences. If applicants are unsure about whether their research qualified, they should consult with their research advisor;
- Have achieved dissertator status by the beginning of the Fall 2018 term;
- Have not received Mellon-Wisconsin fellowship support in the past; and
- Be in the final stages of dissertation writing; fellowship recipients are expected to complete their dissertations by the end of summer 2020.

Benefits and Responsibilities: The Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowships provide three months of summer fellowship support to allow students to work full-time on their dissertations. Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship awardees will receive a total stipend of $7,365 ($2,455/month), covering the period June 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019.

Summer tuition and segregated fees will be covered by the Graduate School; however, the Mellon-Wisconsin fellowship does not provide health insurance benefits during the summer term. If you have university funding that provides health insurance benefits in the Spring 2019 or Fall 2019 terms, you may qualify for health insurance benefits over the summer. Please contact your department’s benefit specialist if you have questions about summer health insurance eligibility.

Fellowship recipients must enroll for three research credits and advisors must agree to be minimally available for fellows. Because the purpose of the fellowship award is to allow students to focus full-time on their dissertation preparation, additional campus employment during the fellowship period is not allowed. However there may be exceptions to this and will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**Review Process and Award Information:** Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowships are highly competitive. All completed applications will be read thoroughly by a review committee comprised of L&S faculty members. Applications will be rated based on academic merit, advisor support, quality of the research in the humanities or humanistic social sciences, and critical need. You will be notified of your award status before March 22, 2019. Decisions of the committee are final.

**Application Process:** The application process is managed through WiSH (Wisconsin Scholarship Hub). A completed application includes: 1) a letter of recommendation from your advisor, 2) information requested in the online system, and 3) a PDF of your CV. The online application system allows you to start your application and return to update it any time before the deadline.

1. **Letter of recommendation from your advisor (COMPLETE THESE STEPS AT LEAST ONE OR TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE).**
   a. Ask your advisor to prepare a letter of recommendation for this fellowship. At a minimum, the letter should include the following information: 1) your academic merit, 2) your need for the summer fellowship support, and 3) the timeline for completion of your dissertation in addition to attesting to the quality of the research in the humanities or in a humanistic social science.
   b. Go to the online application system and click the “Request a Letter of Recommendation from My Advisor” button. Your advisor will be sent an email with a link to the online system where s/he can upload the letter of recommendation. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST THIS LETTER,** as your advisor likely will not have sufficient time to prepare and upload a quality recommendation.

2. **Complete the online application in which you be asked to provide the following information:**
   a. You graduate program;
   b. The first and last name of your advisor;
   c. Your dissertation title;
   d. A dissertation abstract (limit: 2,000 characters, including spaces);
   e. A description of your critical need for the fellowship (limit: 2,000 characters, including spaces);
   f. An account of your specific goals/objectives for summer work if awarded the fellowship (limit: 1,000 characters, including spaces); and
   g. A narrative timeline for completion of your dissertation, including how much you have already written and when you expect to complete various dissertation milestones (limit: 1,000 characters, including spaces).

3. **Upload a copy of your CV. Please include in the CV information about the on-campus funding (graduate assistantships, fellowships, reader/ grader positions, etc.) you have received during your graduate studies at UW-Madison.**

**Questions:** Questions can be directed to the UW-Madison Graduate School’s Office of Fellowship and Funding Resources (offr@grad.wisc.edu).