SLA Dean's Office
Summer Merit Fellowship Awards for Graduate Students
Call for Applications

Guidelines for 2009 Summer Merit Fellowship Awards

The SLA Dean's Office will provide awards up to $5000 to support summer activities for graduate students currently on stipend. Students may use funds for expenses or equipment; travel to support data collection, analysis, performances, and presentation of results at professional conferences; and writing and completing the dissertation. MFA’s who are not doing dissertations but are completing projects are also encouraged to apply. Three copies of the application for a Summer Merit Fellowship Award should be submitted to Deborah Troescher, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs no later than March 30. Applications will be reviewed by the SLA Dean and Associate Deans according to the criteria list below; awards will be announced in April.

A Summer Merit Fellowship Award application must include:

1. A two-page proposal that details the major research questions, problems, or object of analysis. The proposal should address what activities will be undertaken and how the summer fellowship award will pay for needed resources. Overall, the proposal should explain how the award will enhance the student's research and professional activities, and allow them to complete their projects in a timely manner. The proposal should be written in a jargon-free manner that can be understood by faculty in wide range of disciplines.

2. An itemized budget listing the expenditures anticipated for expenses such as supplies, equipment, travel, and costs of completing the project.

2. A curriculum vitae.

3. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's major advisor or dissertation chair.

4. A list of prior awards and fellowships received including (1) dates of such support and (2) the major accomplishments that were derived from that support. Students should also list other anticipated summer support

By January 31, 2010, recipients of the fellowship awards are requested to submit a progress report that includes a brief, but informative, summary of the activities supported by the award.