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# Arts & Letters Fellowship Program: Session 1

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# Funding Opportunities

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Language study

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Professional development

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Short-term research

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Year-long research

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Dissertation completion

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Postdoctoral

# Research opportunities:



Short-term grants sponsored by archives, libraries, professional organizations, private foundations, etc.

Few fellowships for domestic research

Many opportunities for international research

- Boren Fellowship
- Fulbright Research Grant
- SSRC International Dissertation Research\*
- CLIR/Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources\*
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant\*
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships

- Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program, IREX (Eastern Europe/Central Asia)
- American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship
- Chateaubriand Fellowship (France)\*
- Mary Isabel Sibley Fellowship (France/Greece)
- DAAD Research Grant (Germany)\*
- Ernst Mach Grant (Austria)\*
- American Academy in Rome Prize \*
- IHR Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities (UK)\*
- American Research Institute in Turkey Fellowship\*
- Scholarships for Foreigners, (MAEC) (Spain)\*

# Dissertation Completion:



Interdisciplinary  
competition

Thematic or  
topic based

Discipline based

Residential

Teaching-  
oriented

# Interdisciplinary



## Josephine de Karman Fellowship\*

- Open to students in any discipline, including international students, who are currently enrolled in a university or college located within the United States.

## Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship\*

- Supports a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences

## AAUW Dissertation Fellowship (\*)

- Open to women in all fields of study.

## Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

- For are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

# Thematic



## Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

- Supports individuals whose dissertations show potential for bringing fresh and constructive perspectives to the history, theory, or practice of formal or informal education anywhere in the world.

## Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships\*

- These fellowships support students in the final stages of doctoral study whose work offers significant potential for advancing academic scholarship related to ethics and/or religion.

## Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship\*

- Funds dissertation research regarding questions that interest the foundation, including violence and aggression in relation to social change, intergroup conflict, war, terrorism, crime, and family relationships, among other subjects.

### Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Scholarship\*

- Awards nonresidential Peace Scholar Dissertation Scholarships to students at U.S. universities who are writing doctoral dissertations on topics related to peace, conflict, and international security.

### SHAFR Dissertation Fellowship\*

- Applicants should be working on a topic in the field of U.S. foreign relations history or international history, broadly defined, and must be current members of SHAFR.

### ACLS Dissertation Fellowships in East European Studies

- Applications should be for work on Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Applicants may propose comparative work considering more than one country of Eastern Europe or relating East European societies of those of other parts of the world.

# Discipline



## The Lake Institute on Faith and Giving Dissertation Fellowship\*

- given to a scholar whose primary research focus is
- in the area of religion and philanthropy or faith and giving.

## Louisville Institute's Dissertation Fellowship\*

- For students engaged in research pertaining to North American Christianity, especially projects related to Christian faith and life, religious institutions, and pastoral leadership.

## Schallek Fellowship

- Supports an advanced graduate student who is writing a Ph.D. dissertation in any relevant discipline dealing with late-medieval Britain (ca. 1350-1500).

# Residential



## Dumbarton Oaks Junior Fellowship\*

- Offers residential fellowships in three areas of study: Byzantine Studies (including related aspects of late Roman, early Christian, Western medieval, Slavic, and Near Eastern studies), Pre-Columbian Studies (of Mexico, Central America, and Andean South America), and Garden and Landscape Studies.

## School for Advanced Research Weatherhead Fellowship\*

- For Ph.D. candidates or scholars with doctorates whose work is either humanistic or social scientific in nature

## Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Academy Scholars\*

- Supports outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences (including history and law) with a command of the language, history, or culture of non-Western countries or regions.

## McNeil Center for Early American Studies Dissertation Fellowship Program\*

- Open to scholars in any discipline for projects focusing on North America and the Caribbean before 1850

## Chavez/Eastman/Marshall Dissertation Fellowships

- Supports completion of the doctorate by underrepresented minority scholars (including African-American, Latina/o, and Native American scholars) and other graduate scholars with a demonstrated commitment and ability to advance educational diversity.

# Teaching



## Five College Fellowship\*

- Supports scholars from under-represented groups and/or scholars with unique interests and histories whose engagement in the Academy will enrich scholarship and teaching.

## Marilyn Yarbrough Dissertation Fellowship, Kenyon College

- For young scholars who are members of underrepresented groups.

## Gaius Charles Bolin Dissertation Fellowships, Williams College

- For applicants from underrepresented groups, including ethnic minorities, those who are first-generation college graduates, women in predominantly male fields, or disabled scholars.

## Consortium for Faculty Diversity in Liberal Arts Colleges

- For U.S. citizens who are members of under-represented minority groups and considering faculty employment in liberal arts colleges.

# Internal



University Writing Program Fellowship

English for Academic Purposes Program Fellowship

Kellogg Dissertation Year Fellowship

Nanovic Graduate Dissertation Fellowships

Institute for Advanced Studies Fellowship

Templeton Dissertation Fellowships Program  
in Early Modern Philosophy of Religion and Theology

# Where to look:

## External Resources

- Graduate Fellowships Database
- PIVOT
- Private foundations, cultural institutions, embassies, etc.

What now?

Why now?

Why there?

Who is my audience?

# Proposal claims:

## My project is worthwhile

- Scholarly intervention
- Broader application

## I am uniquely qualified to complete this project

- Background and preparation
- Related research/experience

# Research:

There is an absolute need to undertake my project at this location.

- Familiarity with resources

The timing of this project is critical.

- Career trajectory
- Benefit of dissemination

# Dissertation:

I will complete my dissertation by the end of the grant year

- Timeline from application to completion
- Evidence of work ethic

My post-PhD trajectory will bring prestige to the granting institution

- Publication/dissemination of research
- Career plans

# Strategies:

## Interdisciplinary

- Readers outside your field
- Teach them about your area

## Thematic

- Applications in similar areas
- How does your work stick out?

## Residential

- Why there?
- Why not Notre Dame?

## Teaching

- Why teach when you could be service free?
- Demonstrate you can handle the work load

# Resources:



## Association Program Director, Grants and Fellowships

- Gretchen Busl
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## University Writing Program

- writingcenter.nd.edu

## English for Academic Purposes Program

- cslc.nd.edu/eap

## ISLA Advisor, Graduate Student Professionalization & Research

- Dianne Phillips
- Dianne.T.Phillips.64@nd.edu

## Kaneb Center

- kaneb.nd.edu