

2019-2020 Dissertation Fellowship

Purpose:

The Dissertation Fellowship is intended to facilitate the timely completion of high-quality manuscripts and dissertations. *Grants up to \$5,000*

Student eligibility criteria:

- Students have advanced to doctoral candidacy (post-qualifying/ABD) and have one year remaining of dissertation writing. PhD FT certified students are eligible.
- Primary consideration is given to students who are conducting outstanding research in their discipline and have established a notable record of scholarship during their doctoral studies.
- Students must be making adequate academic progress toward their degree.
- If awarded, recipients must attest that they will work full time on their dissertation during the period of the fellowship and will not work more than 25% effort outside of the university during that time.

Nomination Procedures:

- Each PhD granting department/program may nominate up to three students (unranked). All nominations will be submitted to the Graduate School Office by the acting graduate director.

Application and Submission:

Applications should include (total application not to exceed 5 pages):

- Student Application
- A dissertation abstract (1 page)
- A narrative description of the work to be completed during the award year (1 page)
- A statement explaining how your current means of financial support precludes or significantly interferes with your ability to complete your dissertation in a timely manner and how this award would enhance your research productivity.
- A numbered list of published or accepted manuscripts from work done at Rutgers University – Camden. Provide full citation and number of pages. Indicate clearly if the manuscript is an original article, book chapter, or refereed conference proceeding.
- A numbered list of professional presentations (given or accepted) from work done at Rutgers University – Camden. Only list presentation that have not been previously listed. Provide conference name, location, and date.
- A summary of previous and ongoing financial support during Doctoral Studies at RU-C (e.g. TA, GA, Fellowships, scholarship, etc.).
- A list of all external funding applied for by the student. Indicate if funding was awarded, the amount awarded, and period of support provided. Please designate internal funding vs. external funding.
- Clear and detailed timeline that indicates the student will finish dissertation during the academic year of the award.
- Completed Dissertation Nomination Form

Questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Michelle Meloy, Associate Dean for the Graduate School and Research, at mlmeloy@camden.rutgers.edu, (856) 225-6149.

Deadline:

Nominations are due to the Associate Dean for the Graduate School and Research by **Friday, March 15, 2019**. Electronic submissions (Adobe PDF) are required and should be sent to fasresearch@camden.rutgers.edu. Save your file name as LastName_Department_Dissertation Fellowship. Please indicate “2019-2020 Dissertation Fellowship Nomination” in the subject line of your email.

Evaluation:

The Research Funding Committee will evaluate and rank all proposals. Nominations will be evaluated by:

- Academic and research performance at Rutgers-Camden
- Originality and scholarly promise of dissertation project
- Potential impact of research
- Evidence of likely completion during the 2019-2020 academic year

**Funds will be available July 1, 2019 and must be spent by April 1, 2020.
Dissertation Fellowship recipients may not receive the Dean’s Research and Travel Grant.**

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