GRADUATE SOCIETY PREDISSERTATION SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS
SUMMER 2016

PURPOSE
This summer award provides support to outstanding GSAS doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences for the purpose of summer language study and/or preliminary dissertation research or fieldwork. Preference will be given to goals or projects that help advance the applicant to readiness for developing and implementing the eventual dissertation. It is ordinarily for students in the summer following the G1 year or G2 or G3, and is intended for students still at an early stage in the development of the dissertation -- prior to having an approved prospectus. The award is merit-based; financial need is not a consideration.

STIPEND AND TENURE
The award may be used in this country or abroad. The stipend is $3,000. Please note that although the standard form includes a budget form, applicants to GSAS should keep their budget total within the cap of $3,000. Payment is in one lump sum on July 1st.

ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER CRITERIA
Candidates should be GSAS doctoral students in the humanities or social sciences. As noted above, the competition is ordinarily for use in the summer following the G1, G2 or G3 year. Please be aware that GSAS can only offer 24 awards in this fellowship category, and we typically get almost a hundred applications. Planning for the summer should not be based on an assumption of receiving this award. As noted above, preference will be given to goals or projects that help advance the applicant to readiness for developing and implementing the dissertation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
1. In applying for summer fellowships, students may apply either for a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship; they may not apply for both.

2. Students who have received either a Harvard Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship or a Graduate Society Summer Predissertation Fellowship in the past are no longer eligible to apply for either of these awards. However, they are not disqualified if they have received the GSAS Summer Research Awards, since these are made available as part of the financial aid package, and hence on a completely different basis.

3. Students applying for either a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship may not apply in any other Graduate Society Fellowship category.

4. Students applying for either a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship or a Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship must also apply for all other internal or external summer fellowships (either from a Harvard research center or a non-Harvard external source. For a fellowship listing, see Graduate Guide to Grants on the GSAS fellowships website.)

5. Students must accept external or Harvard research center awards. Tapping into these other sources helps to cover the greatest number of eligible students who apply for summer awards (in some fields GSAS is the only viable source).
STUDENTS MUST APPLY THROUGH THEIR DEPARTMENTS TO BE NOMINATED; FIRST STEP IS TO FIND OUT DEPARTMENT DEADLINE FOR STUDENT SUBMISSION.

APPLICANTS IN THIS POOL MAY NOT APPLY IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY OF GRADUATE SOCIETY FELLOWSHIPS OR IN THE COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS CATEGORY.

PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES IN SEEKING DEPARTMENT NOMINATION

If you meet the eligibility and other criteria described above, then you should:

(a) prepare the required materials described in the separate graduate summer centralized electronic application form (CARAT). Note that when applying for internal Harvard fellowships, students do not need to submit an official transcript from the Registrar’s Office. They may submit a copy of their grade report available online from http://my.harvard.edu. From Student Home, navigate to the Grades tab. Click View Unofficial Transcripts.

(b) seek required letter(s) of recommendation as early as possible, submitting a copy of your proposal to the letter writer. Note that GSAS requires only one letter of recommendation;

(c) instruct letter writer to submit letter electronically (through CARAT) by the departmental deadline and verify that this has been done once the deadline has been reached. Please carefully read the CARAT instructions on electronic submission of references.

All materials should be submitted in CARAT on the date designated by the department.

Please note the following restrictions:
Students may not apply for a Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship and a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship. Moreover, any student who has received either a Summer School Tuition Waiver or a Graduate Society Summer award in the past is no longer eligible for either of these awards. In addition, you must report any other summer fellowships offered for the coming summer, since there are restrictions on multiple awards. Finally, applicants in this pool may not apply in any other category of Graduate Society Fellowships, or in the completion fellowships category.

PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENTS IN MAKING NOMINATIONS

Please note: Students complete the centralized electronic application form for graduate summer fellowships in CARAT. They will also submit grade reports and have letter writers submit recommendations in CARAT by the deadline designated by the department. The administrator now has viewing access in CARAT, can upload files (i.e. nomination form), and can download applications for departmental use.

First step: announce deadline when students must submit application materials in CARAT. Once the required materials have been submitted by the applicants, the nomination procedure may vary according to the size of the department and the size of the eligible candidate pool. In some cases, a committee is formed; in others, the determination is made through informal consultation. In general, the determination is based on a combined evaluation of the applicant’s Statement of Purpose, the faculty letter(s) of recommendation, and the overall performance of the student. A nomination form is to be completed by the department chair, and includes a rank order of the candidates.
Please note the restrictions described above: that students may not apply for a Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship and a Graduate Society Predissertation Summer Fellowship; in addition, students who have received either a Harvard Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship or a Graduate Society Summer Fellowship in the past are no longer eligible to apply for either of these awards. And, finally, that any student applying in this category of Graduate Society Fellowships may not apply in any other category of Graduate Society Fellowships.

Please list your nominees in rank order. Once the department has done its ranking and entered it on the nomination form, we request that the departments upload this nomination form to each student’s application in CARAT.

DEADLINE FOR DEPARTMENT SUBMISSION
Department nominations and any accompanying materials should be submitted in CARAT by the deadline of Friday, February 12, 2016. Questions may be addressed to Cynthia Verba, Director of Fellowships, (617) 495-1814.
CHECKLIST

- APPLICATION FORM, INCLUDING BUDGET SHEET

- CURRENT RESUME/CV
  Not to exceed two pages.

- CURRENT TRANSCRIPT
  The grade report is available online from the Registrar’s Office at [http://my.harvard.edu](http://my.harvard.edu). From Student Home, navigate to the Grades tab. Click View Unofficial Transcripts.

- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
  Double-spaced and not to exceed 1,000 words. The statement should describe your proposed use of the award. For research abroad, please describe the subject and plan of your research, including the feasibility and necessity of undertaking it in the proposed country or countries. Similarly, for language study, describe the necessity of the language for your future research.

- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
  For GSAS summer fellowships, only one letter is required, and the recommender must upload the letter directly into CARAT.