

**GRADUATE SOCIETY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS:
TERM-TIME AND MERIT
2017-2018**

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY:

These fellowships allow outstanding GSAS students to focus their time on research, fieldwork, and writing. The award is available to all departments, including the natural sciences. You must have passed Generals and have an approved dissertation prospectus at the time of nomination, or no later than the beginning of the semester when the award is taken. Applicants in the natural sciences must be registered in a GSAS department and must apply through that department. It should be noted that the applicant pool for this fellowship is extremely large, with only a limited number of available awards; typically only around 21% of the applicant pool receive this award. You are allowed to apply in only one category of Graduate Society Fellowships in any given year. Recipients may only hold this award a single time.

STIPEND, TENURE, AND LOCATION:

The maximum grant is a single term standard cohort stipend (in **FY 15, it was \$13,400**). The award is taken for one semester, and may be taken in either fall or spring. During the semester that the award is held, teaching is restricted to 1/5 (one section), with no restriction in the non-fellowship term. Similarly, during the Merit semester, no other employment is allowed. The stipend is paid in five monthly installments: either September 1st through January 1st or February 1st through June 1st.

HOW TO APPLY:

First Step: Find Out Departmental Deadline

The following materials must be submitted by the departmental deadline:

1. Application form, which includes a brief synopsis of the proposed project;
2. Candidate's Statement of Purpose, two to four pages (double-spaced) in length;
3. A curriculum vitae;
4. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members, to be submitted by them to the appropriate department administrator by the department deadline.
5. Candidate's graduate school transcript. Students may submit an unofficial transcript generated from my.harvard to represent their current graduate studies.

PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENTS IN MAKING NOMINATIONS IN RANKED ORDER

First Step: Announce Department Deadline to Students

Departments must submit a list of candidates in ranked order, and should include with the list a complete application packet for each candidate. The determination of rank should be based on a combined evaluation of the applicant's Statement of Purpose, the faculty letters of recommendation, and the overall performance of the student.

Department submissions should be done electronically by scanning all the application materials for each candidate and submitting each as a single pdf file. The file name for each applicant should include: a) the student's name, and b) the name of the fellowship competition. For example, "Jane Smith Research Fellowship." The department ranking form should be included as the first page of each pdf application.

Submission for this fellowship must go to: gsasres@fas.harvard.edu. Each file must be sent via Accellion Secure File Transfer.

Department nominations and accompanying materials should be submitted by the deadline of Friday, February 10, 2017 to: gsasres@fas.harvard.edu. Please use this email address for submissions only. Questions may be addressed to Cynthia Verba, Director of Fellowships, 617-495-1814.

**APPLICATION FOR MERIT/TERM TIME RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
2016-2017**

First Name Last Name Date

GSAS Department Dissertation Advisor

Telephone Email Address

Local Address

City State Zip

Permanent Address

City State Zip Country

Present Year of Graduate Study (G1, G2, etc) Harvard ID#

Date of Dissertation Prospectus Approval (or Expected Date)

Bachelor's Degree Institution Year Major

Master's Degree Institution Year (or Year Expected)

List of fellowships previously received as a GSAS student over and above the Financial Aid Package (FAP).
If more than one fellowship previously received, please attach a sheet.

Note: Providing complete information for previously received fellowships is a requirement for the present application to be considered.

Name of Fellowship and Granting Agency

Fellowship period starting and end dates Total stipend amount

List other fellowships for which candidate is applying.

List publications or professional talks (if any). Can just refer to c.v., if you wish.

Names of Faculty Referees

Synopsis of Statement of Purpose (50 words maximum)