

**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 20-25% 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 16, it was \$13,800). 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 in CARAT by the departmental deadline:

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

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 to GSAS by the 10 February deadline. 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. 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.

Once the department has done its ranking and completed its nomination form, department administrators **must upload this nomination form as an attachment to each student's application in CARAT.**

Department nominations and any accompanying materials should be submitted in CARAT by the deadline of Friday, February 10, 2017. Questions about CARAT may be addressed to Elizabeth Perten (eperten@fas.harvard.edu). All other inquiries may be addressed to Cynthia Verba, Director of Fellowships, (617) 495-1814.