College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2017 Dean’s Doctoral Fellowships

Announcement

Purpose
The Dean’s Doctoral Fellowships are intended to strengthen KU’s recruitment of the very best doctoral students and to promote a culture of grant-seeking among the College’s doctoral students and academic units.

Overview
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will award five fellowships to selected doctoral programs. Programs are expected to award these to students admitted for Fall 2017. **Departments will use a single application to apply to the Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship, the Dean’s Doctoral Fellowship, or both.** However, departments may receive only one Fellowship award per cycle.

In addition to the criteria used to select the Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship awardees, the review committee for the Dean’s Doctoral Fellowship will consider a department’s readiness to support grant-seeking among its graduate students.

Fellows will receive a stipend ($20,000 - $22,000, varying by division) plus resident rate tuition and required fees for up to five years of doctoral study. One of these years will be supported through a College-funded GRA. **Departments may elect to award this GRA at any time during the Fellow’s first, second, or third year of study.** Three additional years of study must be funded by the department at the same level of support through either GRA or GTA (.50 appointment) funds.

**Fellows are eligible for a second year of College-funded GRA (for a total of 5 years of funding) upon submission of an application for an external grant or fellowship.**

- Fellows whose applications for external support are not successful will receive the 2nd year of College-funded GRA.
- Fellows whose applications for external funding are successful may:
  1. Defer the 2nd year of GRA support and use it for an additional year of study. Those deferring may still be eligible for tuition and fee support if the external award does not include these.
  2. In cases where the external award is insufficient to support a year of doctoral study, the student may elect to take the 2nd year of GRA support as a supplement to the external award.*

Participation in the application process for a faculty grant, while valuable, does not count toward this requirement.

Departments are expected to make every effort to utilize department funds to cover stipends during the three years of department funding. In cases where the gap between regular
GTA/GRA salaries and Fellowship stipends is significant, the College will accept requests for additional support to help bridge the gap between standard GTA/GRA salaries.

Selected departments are expected to award the fellowship to the very strongest applicants and to fully support the Fellow’s efforts to seek external funding. This may include one-on-one mentoring, early involvement in faculty grant applications, or direct support for the development of external funding applications in the form of a workshop. *Efforts that encourage external grant seeking among all doctoral students in the program are especially encouraged.*

Outside employment during the period covered by fellowship funding is incompatible with the commitments of the fellowship, especially during the final year of study.

**Application and Selection Process**

Departments must check the box on the updated Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship Application form to indicate their interest in being considered for the Dean’s Doctoral Fellowship.

Please see the Chancellor’s Doctoral Fellowship Call for Applications for more details on the selection process and administration of awards. Departments must submit information on their fellowship recipient to the College no later than May 1, 2017. Further instructions on this submission and other details of the award will be provided to successful departments.

Departments that are unable to award the fellowship may compete for fellowship support again the following year.

**Questions?**
Questions may be addressed to Kristine Latta at klatta@ku.edu.

*In these cases, while we want to remain flexible to accommodate a range of scenarios and budget contingencies, we anticipate offering a total support package for that year (external funding + 2nd year of GRA) of 120% of the original GRA award, plus tuition and fees. For example, if a student whose first year of GRA support was $20,000 receives a $5,000 external grant for a subsequent year of study, that student will also receive a 2nd year of GRA support with a stipend of $19,000, for a total support package of $24,000 or 120% of the original $20,000 stipend.*