

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
2017-2018**

The Saint Louis University Dissertation Fellowship seeks to encourage a new generation of scholars to undertake innovative and extensive research. Dissertation Fellowships are competitively awarded to Saint Louis University Ph.D. candidates whose work during their time at Saint Louis University demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and whose dissertation will significantly extend the body of knowledge within their discipline. Students may receive the fellowship once during their program after they have advanced to candidacy. A maximum of two applicants from each graduate program can apply. Departments/units can determine how they will choose which applicants to put forward if more than two students are interested in applying.

Award:

Each eleven-month fellowship award carries a monthly stipend of \$2000, up to 12 hours of tuition scholarship (depending on the number of hours needed to graduate), and health insurance. Students must be enrolled as a full-time student for the award period. To be classified as a full-time student during the dissertation stage, a student needs to be enrolled in at least 1 hour until completing 12 hours and then may enroll in zero hours. The start and end dates of the eleven-month fellowship typically correspond with the University's fiscal year (July 1 to May 31). **No other fellowship, traineeship, assistantship, or similar appointment may be held concurrently. Students may apply who have other funding pending; however, if both are awarded, students must choose only one source of funding.** Students may defer funding for 1 year if they can still complete the fellowship within the maximum time frame allowed for the program (see below).

Eligibility:

Applicants for the eleven-month awards must have the signed Application for Degree filed with the Doctoral Candidacy Advisor before the application deadline. Students receiving this award must complete the fellowship before reaching the end of the maximum number of years (five) for funding in a Doctoral program or six in programs that permit six years of funding. Students must be nominated by the department and only two students may be nominated by each graduate program. Students who have received five years of prior funding from Saint Louis University are not eligible for this award.

Criteria:

Applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and a proposed dissertation that will significantly extend the body of knowledge within their discipline. This will be determined from the student's application letter and a letter of support from their mentor.

Responsibilities:

Fellows are expected to submit a summary of their research to the Associate Provost of Academic Affairs at the completion of the fellowship for inclusion in publications and symposia highlighting scholarship at Saint Louis University. Mentors are expected to monitor deadlines and support the fellow's progress. The student is required to file a progress report by February 1 each year

Must attend New Fellowship Orientation Session

Submission Procedure:

Graduate programs will select a maximum of two students for nomination. See nomination packet requirements and checklist. Letters of support are needed from the student's mentor. The student will write a goal statement and a description of the project. The final submission must be signed by the department chair. The department will submit the entire packet via email by the application deadline. The following should be included:

- Departmental Checklist
- Mentor Letter (500 words)
- Nominee Cover Page
- Nominee Professional Goal Statement (500 words)
- Description of the Project (3 pages maximum, 12 point, single spaced)
- Timeline (1 page maximum)

No other documents will be accepted for review.

Application Package – Deadline for submission December 1, 2016

1. Departmental Nomination Checklist
2. Letter of Nomination from Saint Louis University PhD Mentor describing:
 - a. student's academic achievement while at SLU,
 - b. the importance of the proposed research on the applicant's discipline,
 - c. timeline for completion, and
 - d. Your commitment to supervising the project and all deadlines.
3. Letter of Application from Student

Cover Page

- *Name, email and mailing address, major field, number of years at SLU and the academic program*
- *Describe any prior funding from SLU (sources, time frames NOTE: this excludes external funding sources)*
- *Statement of commitment to meeting all deadlines and reporting requirements*
- *Statement of any other pending funding that would be used instead of this award.*
- *Professional Goal Statement highlighting applicant's intellectual interest in his/her chosen discipline (500 words)*
- *Description of the project; including statement of the problem or research question(s), approach to be taken, anticipated outcomes, and significance of the research on the applicant's discipline (3 page maximum)*
- *Detailed timeline for degree completion*

Submit all materials by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2016 to:

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314.977.2601

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Departmental Nomination Packet Requirements and Checklist
COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST AND RETURN WITH NOMINEE'S PACKET

1. _____ Student is selected as nominee from the graduate program
2. _____ Department Chair has signed this form
3. _____ Packet is ready to submit, including:
 - a. _____ Nomination Checklist
 - b. _____ Letter of Nomination from Saint Louis University PhD Mentor describing:
 - Statement that student has advanced to candidacy
 - Student's academic achievement while at SLU, dedication to the field and potential for contribution
 - The importance of the proposed research on the applicant's discipline, and appropriateness of method of inquiry, and feasibility of timeline for completion
 - Mentor's commitment to supervising the project and all deadlines.
4. _____ Nominee's Packet
 - Cover page
 - Name, email and mailing address, major field, number of years at SLU, and academic program
 - Describe any prior funding from SLU (sources, time frames NOTE: this excludes external funding sources)
 - Statement of any other pending funding that would be used instead of this award.
 - Professional Goal Statement highlighting applicant's intellectual interest in his/her chosen discipline (500 Words)
 - Description of the project; including statement of the problem or research question(s), approach to be taken, anticipated outcomes, and significance of the research on the applicant's discipline (3 page maximum, 12 point, single-spaced)
 - Detailed timeline for degree completion
 - Statement of commitment to meeting all deadlines and reporting requirements

5. Contact information of applicant's Mentor

Name:

Phone:

Email:

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL – DEPARTMENTAL CHAIR

Name:

Signature: _____

Date _____

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Nominee Cover Page

Complete this form and submit with the Applicant Professional Goal Statement, Description of Project and Timeline.

Name:

E-mail Address:

Doctoral Program and School or

College: Number of Years in Program:

Prior Funding from Saint Louis University (Sources, types, amount, time frames):

Statement regarding any other pending funding for the dissertation work:

Statement of commitment to meeting the deadlines and reporting requirements: