

Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowships: Nominations Due Friday, March 31

Dear Humanities and Social Science Department Chairs and DGSs,

Good news! Provost Loba has approved the proposal we discussed with you all for **Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowships** (and we expect that more good news on other funding initiatives is coming soon). These fellowships will provide up to three years of support for continuing Ph.D. students in humanities and social science programs who have performed well in the early stages of their programs and are on pace to complete their degrees within three years. In order for a student to be awarded one of these fellowships, their department must also commit to reallocate funds originally intended to support the student in order to admit additional PhD students for the coming academic year. More information about these fellowships is attached. Since the April 15 deadline for admitted Ph.D. students to accept offers of admission is coming up, we are asking for nominations from **Department Chairs** no later than this **Friday, March 31** including the following:

- 1) One list of students in rank order of preference whom the department is nominating. Each student must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Slotted for departmental funding (TAsip, RAship, or departmental fellowship) for 2023-2024 – students supported by Moody Graduate or Mustang Fellowships are not eligible for this award.
 - b. On pace to graduate in three years (2025-2026 academic year)—please confirm the advisor and student are committed to this timeline.
- 2) A paragraph plan for how funds that were set aside by the department to support the students on the list will be reallocated to admit additional students for fall 2023 matriculation in the Ph.D. program. The plan should include the following:
 - a. How many additional offers of admission will be made.
 - b. Expected yield for these offers of admission.

Decisions will be made by the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies in collaboration with the College/School Dean's Office. Please send nominations to Alan Itkin (aitkin@smu.edu) by email, and please feel free to reach out to Dr. Itkin with questions. We are excited to support and help to grow your programs!

Sincerely,

Robin Poston
Dean, Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies
Associate Provost for Graduate Education

Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowships
Call for Nominations
March 26, 2023

Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowships are intended to support Ph.D. students in the humanities and social sciences who have performed well in the early stages of their programs and demonstrated strong potential to complete their degrees. They are also intended to expand the pool of funding for humanities and social science Ph.D. programs and to increase the size of those programs and the number of Ph.D. degrees they confer and encourage graduation in R1 year of record.

Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowship provide \$35,000 per student:

- \$30,450/year stipends for up to three years
- An award to fully cover the individual premiums for the Student Health Insurance Program
- A limited research and professional development fund, to support expenses related to doctoral research and professional development in the fellow's field, for up to three years

Eligibility: *Continuing* Ph.D. students (usually going into year three or beyond) in humanities and social science Ph.D. programs: Anthropology, Art History, Economics, English, History, Religious Studies. Students must be on track to complete the degree within three years.

Departments must commit to reallocate funds originally intended to support the student in order to admit additional Ph.D. students in the current year.

A student cannot hold a Provost's Fellowship and a Moody Graduate, Mustang, or University Ph.D. Fellowship at the same time.

Terms: Fellows are expected to maintain strong performance and satisfactory progress towards the degree. At the end of each spring term, fellows and their advisors will provide progress reports to the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies. Continued funding for years two and three will be contingent on progress reports demonstrating strong performance and satisfactory progress towards degree completion.

Nomination Process: Department Chairs should send nominations by email to Dr. Alan Itkin (aitkin@smu.edu) no later than **Friday, March 31, 2023**. Nominations must include the following:

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Selection Process: Decisions will be made by the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies in collaboration with the College/School Dean's Office.