



Center for Engaged Scholarship

2018-2019 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

# DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Online Application Deadline:

**DECEMBER 15, 2017**

Announcement of Awards:

**APRIL 2018**

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## THE CES DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

**Final deadline to receive all application materials: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Application portal opens October 1st, 2017.**

We are very pleased to announce the opening of the Center for Engaged Scholarship's fellowship competition for 2018-2019. Our dissertation fellowships are for Ph.D. students in the social sciences whose work is of high quality and that has the potential to contribute to making U.S. society less unequal, more democratic, and more environmentally sustainable.

We are planning to make at least five awards this time. Our emphasis again is on supporting people who will be actively engaged in writing their dissertations in the fellowship year. We have made some improvements to the application system that should make the process smoother for applicants, recommenders, and reviewers. But we also want to emphasize that our goal is not to support the research of graduate students who happen to have progressive politics, but it is rather to support those individuals whose research has a real potential for contributing to progressive change.

As we show on our website, there are many great examples of engaged research that have helped to catalyze effective political action. Finally, I want to thank everyone who makes the work of the Center possible; this includes our staff, our funders, the applicants, the faculty who write recommendations, and the many academic volunteers who help review the applications to identify the most deserving applicants.

### ELIGIBILITY

We are accepting applications from PhD students in the social sciences who have already completed all departmental and institutional requirements for the Ph.D. degree, including approval of the dissertation proposal.

The only requirement **not** completed must be the writing and where required, the defense, of the dissertation. Students getting a PhD in public health, education and social work are not eligible. PhD students in the following areas of study may apply: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, social psychology, and sociology. Work inspired by these disciplines carried out in interdisciplinary programs such as ethnic studies, women's studies, or American studies is also accepted.

The Center for Engaged Scholarship fellowships are open to all PhD students in the fields specified above who meet the fellowship qualifications, as long as they are enrolled in a U.S. PhD program. This includes foreign nationals and undocumented individuals.

## SELECTION AND REVIEW PROCESS

CES follows a rigorous multi-stage review process and all applicants, if they meet the eligibility criteria, will be part of this review process. We will do our best to inform applicants where they are in the review process in a timely manner. Fellowship awardees will be announced by the last week of April 2018.

## VERIFICATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE STATUS

We do not need any verification document about the applicant's doctoral degree status. However, we require that the dissertation chair specifically address the status of the applicant's progress toward a PhD in their recommendation.

## STIPEND AND BENEFITS

Each fellowship winner will receive \$25,00 over a nine-month period. We do not have funds to cover other expenses that applicants might face.

## TENURE

The tenure of the fellowship is for a period of 9 months during the academic calendar year from September 1 2018 through May 31 2019.

## CONDITIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Applicants can receive up to \$5000 from other sources during the CES fellowship year.

## HOW TO APPLY

The application is available through an online portal. The application cannot be faxed or mailed and applicants are urged to file their application early in order to avoid any last minute technical difficulties.

The portal <https://ces.fluidreview.com/> will be open on **October 1st** and the deadline to receive all application materials including recommendation letters is **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

## ADVANCE PREPARATION

In addition to basic demographic information which is mandatory, applicants are encouraged to prepare the following documents in pdf to upload into the application portal.

1. A brief description of your dissertation project. Questions we want you to specifically address are how do you situate your work in relation to other scholars? What is new and different about your research? 1200 words
2. A brief bibliography that will help us situate your work within the literature. Please limit this to ten key references.
3. A brief narrative about your work process on the dissertation. How are you collecting your data? How are you analyzing your data? Please provide a timeline of what remains to be completed during the fellowship year? 400 words
4. An essay that explains why you think your work has that potential to contribute to progressive change in the United States. The essay should explain the political relevance of your research findings and then describe how activists or policy makers or some other group could make use of your findings to produce progressive change. You should also explain your plans for getting your research results to the relevant audiences. 400 words
5. Are you applying to other national dissertation fellowships? If yes, please provide relevant information and likely dates of award notification. This has no impact on how we review your application.