

## Applying for a Departmental Dissertation Fellowship

Each academic year, the French Department will offer one Dissertation-Year Fellowship that will carry a stipend of at least \$17,000.

The Graduate Studies Committee may decide to propose up to two applications with particular merit to the larger competition for a GSAS Dissertation-Year Fellowship that carries an \$18,000 stipend. The Graduate School application deadline for this award generally falls on or around March 1. The GSC may also nominate up to three candidates for the Faculty Senate Dissertation Fellowship; the deadline for this award generally falls in late January. Please see the "Sources of Funding" page on the Department website for details about these and other opportunities. **NB:** The Faculty Senate award is a dissertation completion grant: awardees must complete their dissertation by the end of the fellowship year. The Department and GSAS grants may be used in either the penultimate or the final year of dissertation writing.

Applications for French Department Dissertation-Year Fellowship will be due in the department on Nov. 15 at 12:00 noon. A complete application includes the following items:

- 4 copies of a dissertation prospectus (4 pages double-spaced max.) approved by your committee;
- 4 copies of a completed chapter that has been revised by you in consultation with your dissertation director ;
- 4 copies of the your curriculum vitae (3 pages max.);
- 4 copies of a proposed schedule (1 page maximum) by which the dissertation is to be completed by the spring of the fellowship year (for Faculty Senate) or within 18 months of the start of the fellowship (for Department & GSAS);
- a letter of support from your dissertation director, submitted directly by her or him to the Departmental Administrative Coordinator, and affirming that you will be able to complete the dissertation within the required time period (12 or 18 months; inclusion of evidence is desirable).

If you are interested in being nominated for a Faculty Senate Dissertation Fellowship, you must also include

- 4 copies of a reflective statement on teaching (1 page max.) making clear your goals in teaching.

All of the above must be submitted by noon on Nov. 15 in order to be considered. It is your responsibility to ensure that your dissertation director's letter has been submitted by the deadline.

It is obviously in your interest to be working on the chapter you intend to submit well in advance of the Nov. 15 deadline, in conjunction with your dissertation director. Please remember that the work you submit will need to be honed and refined in order to be viable for the departmental fellowship and for nomination to the university competitions. In general, it is good to remember that successful candidates avoid jargon and explain the project in terms easily understood by intelligent people in a vast array of disciplines (who will be reading the materials).

Recipients of Department and GSAS Fellowships who are in Charlottesville in the fall following their fellowship year will be expected to present to the Department a brief overview of the work they have accomplished. This report may be given in the context of one of the Department's Graduate Conferences.

Please address any questions you have about these fellowships to the Director of Graduate Studies.