

BANKARD FUND FOR POLITICAL ECONOMY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Bankard Fund for Political Economy was established with gifts by Merrill H. Bankard and his wife, Georgia S. Bankard. The donors specified that income from the Fund should supplement state appropriations and be used only for scholarly enrichment. Income from the Fund is to be used exclusively to support research programs at the University of Virginia that will have the greatest possible influence upon the *development and continuation of the public policy necessary for a healthy private business system and a healthy national economy.*

The Bankard Committee invites proposals for \$15,000 pre-doctoral student research awards during 2019-2020. This award will be disbursed as follows: \$5,000 will be disbursed in summer 2019 and the remaining \$10,000 will be disbursed either during the fall 2019 semester or during the spring 2020 semester. The focus of research projects must be consistent with the objective of the Bankard Fund as stated above.

THERE ARE CHANGES IN SOME REQUIREMENTS IMPACTING THIS BANKARD REQUEST FOR PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE REVISED CONDITIONS, AS OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

Fellowship Restrictions include:

1. Students may receive only one fellowship; previous recipients may not apply.
2. Recipients are expected to focus full-time on their dissertation research and may not accept employment (including TA assignments) during summer 2019 and the academic semester during which they receive their Bankard Pre-doctoral award (fall 2019 semester or spring 2020 semester).
3. The Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship may not be deferred to a future year. Students who are awarded the fellowship and decline it may re-apply in future years.
4. The Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship may not be received simultaneously with any other Fellowship(s). If a student chooses to accept another fellowship which overlaps with the support provided through the Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship, then the student must forfeit the Bankard Fellowship, but may choose to apply to a future Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship competition.
5. Research costs beyond living support, such as travel, datasets, or software, can be funded from other sources during the Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship award period.
6. Any publications arising from the research project should acknowledge the support of the Bankard Fund.
7. To be eligible for a Bankard Fellowship, a student must formally be of “all but dissertation” (ABD) status and have a dissertation topic that has been approved by his/her Department by Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Academic Departments or Schools should submit proposals on behalf of their doctoral students. **** Submit one copy of your proposal package as a single PDF file. Please upload your package here: <http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/upload.html>, select **Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowships** from the drop down menu by **noon Tuesday, November 20, 2018.**

Submissions should include a cover letter from the Department’s or School’s Director of Graduate Studies evaluating/ranking proposals as well as confirming each student’s ABD status with an approved dissertation topic. In particular, the cover letter should articulate the rationale

for recommending each project proposal, including how well it meets the goals of the Bankard fund.

For each student applicant, submissions should include:

- a. A letter of support from the student's dissertation advisor;
- b. Student's transcript or academic requirements;
- c. Student's curriculum vitae;
- d. Student's project proposal (format described below);

Student project proposals should be limited to two pages (either single- or double-spaced) and should include:

- a. Statement of the research problem;
- b. Discussion of its background, significance, and its relation to the Bankard Fund's objective;
- c. Description of the research design or methodology;
- d. Expected research outcome(s);
- e. Timetable for the research.

Questions should be referred to Ms. Mollie Iseli at 924-3606 or mjm8k@virginia.edu.