

## Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowships

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The Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund provides financial support for advanced education and graduate study grants. The *Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowships* are designed to attract and support graduate students with outstanding character and ability who hold promise for achievement and distinction in their chosen fields of study. Fellowships provide an \$18,000 stipend, plus tuition costs, for one year (with the possibility of renewal for a maximum of three years). *Fellowships are to be awarded only to candidates who have demonstrated a need for financial assistance.*

The University of Virginia is permitted to submit three nominations for consideration. An internal nomination process will select the University's nominee(s).

**Criteria:** Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a student pursuing a graduate degree in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences (including law, medicine, engineering, architecture, or other formal professional training);
- Possess an outstanding undergraduate record;
- Have a demonstrated need for financial assistance
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Candidate may be of any national descent or background

**Nomination Materials:** The following materials are required for the internal nominations process:

- A completed and signed application;
- A statement of purpose, up to three pages long (double spaced), which considers the relationship between the applicant's graduate-level study and his/her intended personal and/or professional goals;
- A 10-15 line abstract at the top of the statement of purpose (included in the three pages) that explains (in layman's terms) the applicant's degree program, giving emphasis to its eventual intellectual impact on his/her field of study;
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's advisor;
- Curriculum vitae/resume;
- Copies of undergraduate/graduate transcript(s) (*unofficial copies are satisfactory for University competition*)
- Copies of graduate exam test scores, if applicable (*unofficial copies are satisfactory for University competition*)

- Financial aid information from the University or other applicable source<sup>†</sup>

*[The individual(s) selected in the internal nominations process also will be required to submit the following, to the Office of the Vice President for Research, for transmittal to the Liebmann Fund: (1) additional letter of recommendation from dean or department chair, (2) additional letter of recommendation from a professor with whom the nominee has worked, (3) copies of federal income tax returns for the prior two years (including spouse's returns, if applicable), (4) official/certified copies of undergraduate/graduate transcripts, (5) official/certified copies of graduate exam test scores, if applicable.]*

Electronic submission to [gradstudies@virginia.edu](mailto:gradstudies@virginia.edu) is preferred. Paper copies may be delivered to Varsity Hall 109 or sent by messenger mail to P.O. Box 400882.

**Deadlines:** Application materials are due to VPR by Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. We anticipate announcing the selected nominee by Monday, Dec. 19, 2011. The selected nominee will be required to submit the remaining materials, to VPR, by Jan. 18, 2012 (for transmittal to the Liebmann Fund by Jan. 20, 2012).

**Resources:**

Application Form: (PDF) – [www.virginia.edu/vpr/gradstudies/docs/LiebmannApplication2012.pdf](http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/gradstudies/docs/LiebmannApplication2012.pdf)  
(DOC) – [www.virginia.edu/vpr/gradstudies/docs/LiebmannApplication2012.doc](http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/gradstudies/docs/LiebmannApplication2012.doc)

Program Information: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/liebmann/>

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<sup>†</sup> For the University competition, applicants/nominees may submit information from the financial aid section of the “Student Center” in the Student Information System (SIS).