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Economics Dissertation Fellowships
For Academic Year 2020-2021 Awards
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The dissertation completion fellowship supports the final stage of the dissertation project and constitutes the last fellowship the student may hold in their progress to degree in the Division. This fellowship replaces the prior Department Dissertation fellowships for sixth-year students. These fellowships include stipend, tuition and University basic student health insurance. In addition, tuition will be provided for one grace year following the completion of the fellowship, if needed.

For the 2020-2021 competition, complete application instructions and deadlines will be announced in late November. The expected deadline for these fellowships will be March 1, 2020.

Eligibility:

1. Unless otherwise noted, students who will be beyond their sixth year of doctoral study in 2020-2021 are **not** eligible for Economics Dissertation Fellowships.
2. Years registered in *pro forma* registration status **do** count toward years in the program.
3. If a student was on Leave of Absence for a full academic year, that year will **not** count toward years in the program.
4. Students must be ABD by February 1, 2020 in order to apply for the Bloom, Harper or Markovitz fellowships. Although it is recommended that students be ABD before applying for the Economics Dissertation Fellowships, they may submit applications before they are ABD. If they do not advance to candidacy by June 15, 2020, they forfeit the fellowship.

Application Materials:

1. SSD Dissertation Year Fellowship Application Form, found online at <http://apply-ssd.uchicago.edu/apply/>;
2. Letters of recommendation: One letter must be from the dissertation advisor and must include a detailed plan for mentorship to ensure that the student will graduate within the expected timeline. For the Bloom, Harper and Markovitz Fellowships students should submit 1-2 additional letters.
3. Statement (3-5 pages) from the that describes the dissertation project;
4. A status report and timetable for the completion of the dissertation;
5. Copy of a completed dissertation chapter (for Harper);
6. A current University of Chicago official transcript.

Conditions of Awards:

1. Fellowships will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year and disbursed over Autumn/Winter/Spring Quarters;
2. Students with dissertation completion fellowship are expected to graduate within the tenure of the fellowship or shortly thereafter. In any case the Fellow can no longer enroll in the division after the year following the fellowship year; the final quarter registration is allowed is Spring 2022.
3. For students pursuing joint programs, eligibility is through the home department only.

Economics Dissertation Fellowships:

Description: Awarded to any student in the division who meets the eligibility guidelines and is ready to complete the dissertation. **For 2020-2021 only**, students who will be beyond the eighth year of doctoral study in 2020-2021 are eligible to apply to a separate, limited competition for these fellowships.

Fellowship Award: Stipend of \$30,000, plus tuition, the required Student Services Fee, and University basic student health insurance in 2020-2021. In addition, tuition will be provided for one grace year following the completion of the fellowship (2021-2022), if needed.

External Fellowships

Description: Students are encouraged to apply for fellowships external to the division or to the University of Chicago.

SSD Departments Eligible: All

Fellowship Award: Stipends from external fellowships will be paid on top of the Dissertation Completion Fellowship stipend.

Process: A student who wins an external dissertation completion fellowship should send the award letter and terms of fellowship to the Dean of Students Office at ssd-dos@uchicago.edu immediately upon receipt of the notification.

Competitive Fellowships:

Benjamin Bloom Dissertation Fellowship

Description: The fellowship seeks to support dissertation research on education.

Fellowships Awarded: 1

SSD Departments Eligible: All; each department may nominate 1 student.

Fellowship Award: Stipend of \$27,000, plus tuition, the required Student Services Fee, and University basic student health insurance in 2020-2021. Students will receive a \$4,000 summer grant in either Summer 2020 or in Summer 2021. In addition, tuition will be provided for one grace year following the completion of the fellowship (2021-2022), if needed. The Department of Economics will supplement this award with an additional \$10,000 stipend.

Harper Dissertation-Year Fellowship

Description: Harper Fellowships constitute one of the highest honors given to our graduate students, and the competition for this award is rigorous.

Fellowships Awarded: 1 (Fellowship awards supplemented by an additional 3-5 Fellowships from the Provost's Office)

SSD Departments Eligible: All; each department may nominate up to 2 students, in ranked order.

Fellowship Award: Stipend of \$27,000, plus tuition, the required Student Services Fee, and University basic student health insurance in 2020-2021. Students will receive a \$4,000 summer grant in either Summer 2020 or in Summer 2021. In addition, tuition will be provided for one grace year following the completion of the fellowship (2021-2022), if needed. The Department of Economics will supplement this award with an additional \$10,000 stipend.

Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship

Description: Awarded to a student whose dissertation topic explores some aspect of the linkages and influences between social and economic behavior. The research should consider from a disciplinary perspective the connection between the social/cultural and commercial spheres of life.

Fellowships Awarded: 1-2

SSD Departments Eligible: All; each department may nominate 1 student.

Fellowship Award: Stipend of \$27,000, plus tuition, the required Student Services Fee, and University basic student health insurance in 2020-2021. Students will receive a \$4,000 summer grant in either Summer 2020 or in Summer 2021. In addition, tuition will be provided for one grace year following the completion of the fellowship (2021-2022), if needed. The Department of Economics will supplement this award with an additional \$10,000 stipend.