

Call for Applications

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2009-10 Mellon Doctoral Fellowships at UNM

Deadline: January 30, 2009

The University of New Mexico invites advanced graduate students in American Studies, Anthropology, Communication and Journalism, History, Linguistics, and Sociology to apply for the 2009-10 Mellon Doctoral Fellowships. These fellowships were established in 2008 to increase recruitment, acceptance, and retention of Latino and Native American doctoral students, as well as advance scholarship focusing on the historic and cultural dimensions of Latino and Native American peoples.

One-Year Fellowships

Two twelve month fellowships are available that include a \$21,000 stipend, tuition waivers and UNM student health insurance. The student should have completed fieldwork/data collection and be analyzing data or writing the dissertation. Completion of the dissertation is expected within the year of the fellowship.

Two-Year Renewable Fellowships

Two twelve month fellowships are available that include a \$15,000 stipend in the first year and an \$18,000 stipend in the second year. Tuition waivers and UNM student health insurance are also provided. The student should have an approved prospectus and have begun or scheduled fieldwork/data collection. These awards are renewable for a second year for students in good academic standing.

Three-Year Renewable Fellowships

Two twelve month fellowships are available that include a \$15,000 stipend in years one and two and an \$18,000 stipend in the third year. Tuition waivers and UNM student health insurance are also provided. The student should have completed comprehensive examinations by May 2009. These awards are renewable for up to two years for students in good academic standing.

The goal is to award two of each fellowship. The Mellon Fellowship Advisory Board reserves the right to change the award distribution depending on the quality of work and budgetary constraints.

Eligibility and Criteria of Selection

To be eligible for any fellowship, students must currently be enrolled in a doctoral program in one of the six aforementioned departments at UNM. By the end of this semester students must also have completed the requisite course work and departmental program requirements, and received approval of their dissertation topic. Additional criteria are imposed for one- and two-year renewable fellowships to insure that students are capable of completing their degrees within the time allowed. All citizens of the United States regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation may apply.

The Mellon Fellowship Advisory Board will select fellows based on the



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eligibility criteria presented above as well as additional information included in the student's application packet. Previous accomplishments, promise of future scholarship and demonstrated commitment to Latino, Native American or other underrepresented communities will be considered as positive factors in choosing fellows. The duration of the fellowship may be determined at the discretion of the Mellon Fellowship Advisory Board. It is expected that the fellowship will be the student's primary source of support.



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How to Apply

To be considered for a Mellon Doctoral Fellowship, students must submit the following application packet material by 5:00 PM, January 30, 2009:

- (1) one application cover page that is complete and signed by the student and the chair of the student's dissertation committee
- (2) one-page statement regarding the student's personal history as it relates to his/her field of study
- (3) one-page statement describing how the fellowship will help the student complete his/her degree and how his/her work contributes to humanistic social science among or for Latinos, Native Americans and/or other underrepresented communities; applicants must also identify 2-3 possible mentors they would be interested in working with
- (4) dissertation prospectus consisting of a proposal or outline of chapters or topics, as well as timetable for completion of the doctorate given the time allowed
- (5) unofficial transcript
- (6) a curriculum vitae containing the student's previous fellowships awards, or honors
- (7) a letter from the Department Graduate Program Coordinator or UNM Office of Graduate Studies certifying that the student has completed, or will complete by the end of the spring semester, the necessary degree requirements as specified by his/her academic department
- (8) statement regarding IRB proposal. Student must state whether they have submitted a proposal to the Institutional Review Board (IRB), if they plan to submit to the IRB, or how the work might not fall under the IRB jurisdiction.
- (9) two letters of recommendation on departmental letterhead in signed and sealed envelopes, including one from the dissertation chair that speaks to the student's ability to complete the dissertation in the time allowed by the fellowship

Students accepting Mellon Doctoral Fellowships for 2009-10 must be enrolled full-time in their department (minimum 9 graduate credit hours or 3 graduate credit hours for students who have advanced to candidacy - ABD). Fellows with multi-year awards must be in good academic standing by the end of the academic year for eligibility to renew their fellowship for an additional year.

Application submission deadline is January 30, 2009, by 5:00 PM.

Fellowship recipients will be announced in March 2009.

The Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Advisory Board is committed to increasing the numbers of doctorates among students who are Latino, Native American or from other traditionally underrepresented or disadvantaged groups. To meet these goals the Board has developed a collaborative, multidisciplinary integrative program structure that focuses on leadership, high academic standards, mentoring, and the creation of a cohort of Mellon Doctoral Fellows in social and humanistic studies at UNM. Mentors are a critical component of the fellowship program because they provide personal support, encouragement, and facilitate evaluation of the student's progress towards completion. Fellows will meet twice monthly with mentors, participate in an annual conference and be eligible to apply for additional funds to support



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travel for research and conferences.

To submit applications or for additional information, please contact Miguel Gandert at (505) 277-2205 / mgandert@unm.edu / Communication and Journalism, University of New Mexico, MSC03 2240, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001.

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