

Crown Fellowship 2026-2027 Announcement

For the academic year 2026-2027, the Graduate School awards four one-year Crown Fellowships to a graduate student in the departments of English, History, Philosophy, or Theology. The fellowship provides support to advanced Ph.D. students whose research shows how the humanities contribute to our knowledge of the world. The fellowship includes a stipend, a tuition scholarship, and health insurance.

Eligibility Requirements

By the application due date of Friday, February 27, 2026, applicants are required to have:

- 1) have been awarded doctoral candidacy or be on track to reach that status by June 1, 2026;
- 2) an anticipated defense of the dissertation no sooner than January 31, 2027;
- 3) submitted all required application material so that it is received electronically by the Graduate Program Director of the respective department no later than midnight on Friday, February 27 2026.

The fellowship is conditional upon the applicant's meeting all eligibility requirements, which are solely the applicant's responsibility. The application of a student who does not meet the eligibility requirements will not be considered. If it is determined after awarding a fellowship that the recipient has not met the eligibility requirements, the fellowship will be withdrawn.

Decision Criteria

It is anticipated that each humanities' department will have one award, and the recipient will be determined, using the criteria listed below, by an internal committee. If conditions warrant (a department wants an outside body to make the decision because of a surplus of worthy candidates or a department does not have a candidate and the spot is then open to the other departments, for example), a committee of Graduate School faculty members from the respective humanities' departments will review the applications and make award recommendations using the criteria listed below.

Criteria:

- 1) Student's academic record;
- 2) Intellectual strength of proposal; and
- 3) Impact of the research.

Conditions of Receiving a Fellowship

In accepting a fellowship, each recipient agrees to:

- 1) engage in full-time work on the dissertation; and
 - 2) not hold a concurrent funding from another source.
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