

The Barnett Dissertation Fellowship

The purpose of the Barnett Dissertation Fellowship is to assist advanced doctoral students specializing in Cultural Policy and Arts Management to finish their dissertation and launch their professional careers. Fellowship support will be available each academic year to be awarded to one or more students. The fellowship will cover at least one and no more than two consecutive terms per student depending on the timeline to dissertation defense. The award will cover tuition, most fees, and provide a stipend for the award period. Interested students must satisfy the eligibility requirements and submit their nomination by the first Friday of the term **that precedes the term(s) for which they seek the award** (e.g., the beginning of Fall 2012 for possible award in Spring 2013).

Policy and Procedures for the Barnett Dissertation Fellowship

1. The Award will be made by a committee of Department of Arts Administration, Education and Policy doctoral faculty who teach and serve as dissertation chairs in the Arts Policy & Administration Program
2. Eligible students are those with doctoral specialization in APA and who:
 - have passed the Candidacy Exam
 - have advanced drafts of at least four chapters of their dissertation
 - have IRB approval (if necessary)
 - have begun field work or research gathering
 - are enrolled full-time
 - have not passed the Dissertation defense
3. The criteria for the Award are the promise of the dissertation project, the quality of the student's academic record, and expected dissertation defense by the end of the Fellowship term.
4. Students should submit self-nomination materials as well as ask their committee chair to certify that they meet all eligibility criteria and are on track to complete their dissertation in the expected time period. Nomination materials must be given to the Graduate Studies Coordinator, Kirsten Thomas. They are:
 - o All existing draft chapters of the dissertation
 - o Timeline to dissertation defense
 - o Committee chair certification of eligibility and completion projection
 - o A written letter of self-nomination which should address the criteria for the award
5. The award committee will make its decision by the 4th week of each term concerning nominations submitted for the next term. Awards to more than one student may overlap or be concurrent. Awards will be available only as long as annual funding is available.

The terms of the award are as follows:

- the dissertation fellowship must be used during the terms specified. It cannot be deferred or transferred to a later term.
 - the awardee(s) is expected schedule a dissertation defense by the end of the award period. Formal graduation may occur the term following defense.
 - the awardee(s) must prepare an article manuscript for the APA program series in the form of an occasional/working paper” that is drawn from the dissertation . Circulation in the “occasional/working paper format will provide the student with additional feedback on their research. This paper will also serve as a draft article which can be submitted for publication review by a scholarly journal—and thus help advance the awardee’s professional career.
- the awardee(s) must enroll as a full-time student during the fellowship period.