CSWS Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship
Application Guidelines
Academic Year 2020-2021

Deadline: Monday, January 27, 2020

The Center for the Study of Women in Society invites University of Oregon graduate students who are ABD (or will be ABD by the beginning of the grant period) to submit proposals for the 2020-2021 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship. This highly competitive award supports dissertations from a range of disciplines on topics related to scholarship, research, and creative work on women and gender. Awards are subject to the following conditions set by CSWS.

CSWS 2020-21 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship funds are available starting Fall term 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

Currently-registered University of Oregon graduate students who are ABD (or will be ABD by the beginning of the grant period) are eligible for the Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship. This fellowship is not restricted by citizenship, ethnicity, race, or national origin. Graduate students currently employed by CSWS are NOT eligible to apply.

AWARD CONDITIONS

1. **Funded Amount:** $18,000. In addition, the Dean of the Graduate School will provide the recipient with tuition remission for the 2020-2021 academic year. As well, CSWS offers a health care stipend, which covers the cost of the Domestic Student Insurance Platinum Plan offered by the UO Health Center (available to US citizens and permanent residents). Please note that this plan does not cover dependents. International students should contact the Graduate School concerning their options for health care coverage.

2. **IRB Approval:** If the proposed research involves human subjects, the applicant is responsible for obtaining approval from the UO Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects/Institutional Review Board. Contact the Office for Responsible Conduct of Research, Suite 105, Riverfront Research Park, 1600 Millrace Dr., or call (541) 346-2510. No funds will be transferred until the applicant has received approval.

3. **Note for Graduate Students with Financial Aid:** Receiving this award may reduce your financial aid award. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid prior to applying for this support.

POST-AWARD OBLIGATIONS

1. Submit a final report of no more than 1,000 words about research progress at the end of the grant year to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu. This report is due to CSWS by September 30,
2021 (three months from the end of the grant period). Failure to submit final reports will result in ineligibility for future CSWS grants.

2. Notify CSWS about any publications or grants that result from CSWS funded research.

3. Share your research with the CSWS community. You may be asked to do this by giving a noon presentation at CSWS; presenting your research in another format; or contributing to CSWS research publications (such as Research Matters or the CSWS Annual Review) at some point within a three-year period.

4. Acknowledge CSWS support in all publications and promotional materials, including web publications and web sites, videos, and/or creative work resulting from this grant.

DIRECTIONS

Application forms are available online at csws.uoregon.edu/funding and must include the following components. Attachments must be submitted in PDF format via email to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu:

1. **Abstract:** Should be no more than 250 words for a non-specialist audience, stating clearly why the project is important, and what difference the results of the project will make. The statement should explain the importance of the proposed research to larger issues or themes on women and gender.

2. **Proposal:** The proposal narrative must not exceed 1,200 words and should be organized as described below:
   a. **Conception and Definition:** Describe the specific research planned for the grant period, explaining basic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored.

   b. **Significance:** Briefly sketch the background of the proposed research, evaluate existing knowledge, and identify gaps that your research is intended to fill. State concisely the significance of the proposed work to research on women and gender and how the work contributes to the mission of CSWS, particularly in terms of the relationship between gender and other aspects of identity (race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, ability, et al.). While our page limitation prevents a full review of the literature, a succinct discussion of the most recent and highly relevant literature will help reviewers better evaluate your proposal.

   c. **Work Plan, Methods, and Approach:** Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their theoretical, methodological, and interdisciplinary strengths. Clearly explain
how the research processes and/or methods identified in the proposal will elucidate the research questions posed. Proposals that gather primary data or use secondary data from human subjects should define the sample and procedures to be used and discuss data collection and analysis issues appropriate to the methodology or methodologies to be employed. Proposals that gather data from non-human subjects, including documentary or archival sources, should discuss relevant sampling and data collection issues and analytical and interpretive approaches to be employed. Proposals that are primarily theoretical, textual, or that involve the production of art, music, performance, video, or other creative material should discuss the relevant scholarly or aesthetic processes that ensure the quality of the proposed project. We strongly encourage interdisciplinary research that takes into account various methodologies and approaches (archival, ethnographic, etc.). If the project is interdisciplinary, the proposal should discuss the relevance of interdisciplinarity to your project.

d. **Timeline of Project:** Identify major deadlines for the completion of the work you have proposed.

3. **Bibliography:** Attach a two-page project bibliography.

4. **Current Vita:** Two-page abbreviated vita, including education, recent employment, publications, and relevant awards and honors.

5. **Current UO Transcript:** Attach an unofficial copy from the UO Registrar's Office.

6. **Two Letters of Support:** All letters must be submitted by faculty members via email attachment to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu before 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020.

*Please note:* it is the applicant’s responsibility to a) ask the faculty member; b) provide your proposal to the faculty member for review in a timely fashion; and c) ensure that the faculty member has submitted their letter of recommendation by the deadline.

a. A letter from your dissertation advisor that includes the following information:

i. Date dissertation proposal was approved or date dissertation proposal will be approved.

ii. Ability to achieve research objectives.

iii. Anticipated contribution to research in discipline.
b. One additional letter by the department head indicating approval of your application.

If you have questions regarding application procedures or problems with submission, please contact CSWS at 541.346.5015 or cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.

REVIEW PROCESS

Decisions are made by a CSWS review committee made up of faculty members from different disciplines. Decisions are based on the quality of the application, the degree to which the project supports the mission and interests of CSWS, and the applicants’ experience and qualifications. Recommendations for funding are forwarded to the director of CSWS who will make final decisions based on budgetary considerations.

All applications must be completed and received – including any attachments via email, as well as all letters of recommendation – no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020. Please note that late applications will NOT be accepted. Notification of award is made within three months of the deadline date.