Overview
The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) offers several dissertation completion fellowships to doctoral students at Harvard’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences and MIT’s social science divisions. In exceptional circumstances, the Center considers applications from doctoral students in law, design, government, and education. To be considered, students must:

• focus their dissertations on modern or contemporary Europe (roughly 1750 – present)
• have completed two draft dissertation chapters
• submitted completed chapters to their dissertation advisor at the time of application.

(Note: for students in fields where the dissertation consists of three articles, the existence of one article in draft is sufficient).

Applications will be judged by their overall merit, the importance of the topic, the clarity of the proposal, the potential for scholarly contribution, and the likelihood of timely completion.

Award Details
CES matches its stipend level to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) standard annual stipend for dissertation completion fellowships. The fellowship covers Harvard facilities fees and individual health insurance (HUSHP Basic and Supplemental). Applicants should note the following conditions:

• The stipend cannot be deferred and must be used within the twelve-month period for which it is awarded (July 2018 – June 2019).
• Fellowship recipients are expected to complete their dissertation during the period of the award and are not permitted to hold employment with the exception of serving as an advisor for an undergraduate senior thesis or working as a part-time research assistant.
• Students who have previously received writing/completion grants from other sources are not eligible.
• Recipients will be given priority for office space at CES if they contact the CES Student Programs Adviser before the start of the fellowship term.

Contact
Students who have questions about the fellowship and the application, are encouraged to contact CES Student Programs Adviser, Aida Vidan.
Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
2018-2019

How to Apply

To be considered for a CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship, prospective applicants must submit the following documents through the Harvard University Common Application for Research and Travel (CARAT). Paper copies and/or other electronic file formats will not be accepted.

Application Documents

• CARAT-generated GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowships Standard Application

• Résumé/CV (max. two pages)

• Current grade report (a grade report from the Registrar or an original transcript)

• Grant proposal (max. 1,000 words, double-spaced) with selected bibliography (max. two pages) of sources cited in the two draft chapters, proposal, and other key works

• Advisor confirmation form (signed by the advisor and the student and then scanned)

• Two confidential letters of recommendation, one of which must be written by the dissertation advisor. Once you start the application process and enter the names of your recommenders, the system will generate an email to the recommender and prompt them to submit the letter.

Submission Deadline: February 9, 2018

Completed applications must be submitted via Harvard University Common Application for Research and Travel (CARAT).

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