The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies’s Dissertation Completion Fellowships support Harvard doctoral students in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and MIT doctoral students in the social sciences as they complete their dissertations. CES considers applications by doctoral students in law, design, government, and education in exceptional circumstances, and proposals must have the support of a CES-affiliated faculty member. The dissertation must focus on modern or contemporary Europe (roughly 1750–present). Students must have completed two draft dissertation chapters and submitted them to the dissertation advisor at the time of application (or for students in fields in which the dissertation consists of three articles, the existence of one article in draft). 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.

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**Application Components:**

Upload all the application materials to CARAT. Paper copies and/or other electronic file formats will not be accepted.

1. CARAT-generated Dissertation Completion Fellowships Standard Application
2. Résumé/CV (max. two pages)
3. Transcript
4. Grant proposal (max. 1,000 words, double-spaced) with selected bibliography (max. additional two pages) of sources cited in the two draft chapters, proposal, and other key works
5. Two advisor confirmation forms (each one signed by advisor and the student and then scanned)
6. 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.

Note: All materials, including letters of recommendation, must arrive by the February 11 Deadline.