MINDA DE GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES
GRADUATE DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP 2023-2024

Deadline: February 10, 2023

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies’ 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 these 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.

CES matches its stipend levels to the GSAS standard annual DCF stipend. The fellowship cannot be deferred and must be used within the ten-month period for which it is awarded (August 2023–May 2024). During the DCF fellowship, recipients are expected not to teach, hold other employment, or pursue other projects during the time, as students are expected to complete their dissertations during the period of the award. Students who have previously received writing/completion grants from other sources are not eligible. The fellowship also covers Harvard facilities fees and individual health insurance (HUSHP Basic and Supplemental) fees; MIT students will be issued the equivalent funds and may apply them to their institutional tuition and fees. CES DCF recipients will be given priority for desk space in a shared office space at CES provided that they notify the CES Program Coordinator of their interest during the acceptance process.

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 10 deadline.