

**MINDA DE GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES
GRADUATE DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AY2026-2027**

Deadline: February 1, 2026

The Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (DRF) funds Harvard doctoral students in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and MIT doctoral students in the social sciences who plan to spend significant time in Europe conducting dissertation research (no less than five months for a half-year DRF and no less than nine months for a full DRF). CES considers applications by doctoral students in law, design, government, and education in exceptional circumstances; these proposals must have the support of a CES-affiliated faculty member. The fellowship supports dissertation topics that focus on political, historical, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual trends, or public policy issues in modern or contemporary Europe (roughly 1750–present). Eligible applicants must have completed two years of graduate school and have passed their general examinations. There are no specific requirements for the stage of their research. Applicants should not apply concurrently for the DRF and a dissertation completion grant.

Funding levels for the Krupp DRF stipends are determined each spring in conjunction with the Center’s annual budget process and will be confirmed in the award notification letters sent to the selected recipients. The AY2025-2026 stipend was \$38,000 for a full-year and \$19,000 for a half-year (one semester) fellowship. In addition to the stipend, the Krupp DRF covers the costs of the [Harvard University Student Health Insurance Plan \(SHIP\)](#). MIT students will be issued the equivalent funds and may apply them to their institutional fees and health insurance. The fellowship cannot be deferred and must be used within the twelve-month period for which it is awarded (July 2026–June 2027). This grant is made possible thanks to a generous endowment provided by the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach Foundation in 1979, which established the Krupp Foundation Fellowships at CES.

Graduate students are encouraged to consult the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences’ online resource [Scholarly Pursuits](#), which contains advice on writing a proposal as well as samples of winning proposals. Students should also consult Przeworski and Salomon’s [The Art of Writing Proposals](#), available online from the Social Science Research Council.

Application Components

All the application materials must be uploaded to CARAT.

Paper copies and/or other electronic file formats will not be accepted.

1. CARAT-generated Krupp Dissertation Research Fellowship Standard Application
2. Résumé/CV (max. two pages)
3. Grade report (a grade report from the Registrar or an original transcript)
4. Grant proposal (max. **7 pages**, double-spaced). The proposal should include a succinct statement of the research question; a comprehensive analysis of current state of the field of knowledge; description of methodology; discussion of contribution to the field of proposed research; selected bibliography of sources cited in proposal plus other key works (max. two pages); and optional supplemental materials (i.e., list of archives to be consulted, list of potential interviewees, multimedia materials).
5. Two confidential letters of recommendation, one of which must be written by the dissertation advisor. The second letter can be written by any committee member, CES [Resident Faculty](#), or [Faculty Associate](#). 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 1 deadline**.