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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 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. 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.