E&J Net Dissertation Fellowship

The SoHE Equity and Justice Network initiative, launched summer 2020, supports the continued evolution of our school into a community wherein people with diverse backgrounds find success, share knowledge, and advance justice. The E&J Net Dissertation Fellowship is available to SoHE students needing a final boost of dedicated time and/or financial support to complete their dissertation.

Fellowships can be requested for one or two academic semesters, 12 weeks during the summer, or a combination of academic semester and summer, and will include dissertation tuition and health insurance benefits. Stipends are commensurate with fellowship rates set by the UW-Madison Graduate School, as follows:

- 9-month academic year $22,909
- 1 semester $11,455
- 12-month academic year and summer $28,000
- 12-week summer only $7,049

Applicants are encouraged to apply for SoHE research funds (e.g., STAR Award or Bridget Coffing Research Award) to cover research costs, if needed.

**NOTE:** Given that the intention of this award is to provide a final boost toward degree completion, accepting the fellowship indicates that the student will no longer receive any priority for SoHE funding.

**Eligibility**
- SoHE MS, MFA, or PhD graduate student in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress
- Students who participated in a Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program; OR
- Students from the following racial/ethnic groups: a) African American or Black; b) American Indian or Alaskan Native; c) Hispanic/Latino; d) Cambodian, Vietnamese, Laotian, or Hmong; e) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; OR
- Economically disadvantaged students who are: a) first-generation college students who participated in one of the following TRIO programs: Upward Bound, Talent Search, Educational Opportunities Centers, or Student Support Services; b) first-generation college students who graduated from the PEOPLE Program; or c) UW–Madison bachelor’s degree recipients who were in the FASTrack or BANNER programs OR
- From another socially disadvantaged group. If students apply under this criterion, they will need to clarify what the disadvantaged group is.

**Application**
Complete application should include the following:
- A completed ARGs report for the most recent academic year
- Dissertation Abstract and Progress Report specifying what has been accomplished to date
- Explicit plan and timeline to completion of the dissertation, including defense, revision, and depositing with the Graduate School
- Letter of Support from the dissertation committee chair attesting to the feasibility of completing the degree in the fellowship period (including defense, revisions, and depositing with the graduate school)
**Application Periods**
Fall Application: Opens October 15; Application Deadline December 15
Spring Application: Opens February 15; Application Deadline March 15

**Review Criteria**
Applications are evaluated and ranked by the SoHE Graduate Program Committee. Applications will be evaluated based on the clarity and quality of materials, the likelihood of completion of the dissertation in the proposed timeline, and the overall impact and significance of the work described. The number of awards will be determined for the number of applications received and availability of funding.