



Sample Application

What follows is a sample of an application for the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. It is for informational purposes only.

To apply for this fellowship, you must submit your application electronically, using the Online Fellowship Application (OFA) system.



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MELLON/ACLS DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS

WELCOME TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR THE MELLON/ACLS DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP.

ACLS invites applications for **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships**, which support a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the [humanities and related social sciences](#), in the last year of PhD dissertation writing. This program encourages timely completion of the PhD. Applicants must be prepared to complete their dissertations within the period of their fellowship tenure and no later than August 31, 2018. A grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports this program.

ACLS will award 65 fellowships in this competition for a one-year term beginning between June and September 2017 for the 2017-18 academic year. The fellowship may be carried out in residence at the fellow's home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for the research. These fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other fellowship or grant.

The total award of up to \$38,000 includes a stipend (\$30,000) plus additional funds for university fees (up to \$5,000) and research support (up to \$3,000). In addition to the monetary support that the fellowship offers, Dissertation Completion Fellows are able to apply to participate in a seminar on preparing for the academic job market. The seminar takes place over three days in the fall of the fellowship year.

Before beginning your application, you will be asked several questions designed to determine preliminary eligibility for this program. Once you have answered these basic eligibility questions, please read all instructions, including those in the REFERENCE LETTERS and PROPOSAL UPLOAD sections, before beginning to fill out the application form.

Completed applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (ofa.acls.org) no later than 9 pm Eastern Daylight Time, October 26, 2016. Notifications will be sent via email in late March 2017. [Click](#) for more information.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be PhD candidates in a humanities or social science department in the United States [1](#)
- have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation (i.e., obtained ABD status) by the application deadline
- be no more than six years into the degree program at the time of application. This includes time spent earning an MA within that program. [2](#)
- not currently hold or have previously held a dissertation completion fellowship
- have not previously applied for this fellowship more than once

Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- Completed application form
- Proposal (no more than 5 double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font)
- One-page timeline for the expected completion of dissertation writing and defense/filing. [See sample timelines.](#)
- Up to 3 additional pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials [optional]
- Bibliography (no more than 2 pages)
- Completed chapter of the dissertation (that is neither the introduction, nor the conclusion, nor the literature review) of not more than 25 double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font; or a representative 25-page excerpt from a longer chapter. The chapter must be in English, though citations may be in other languages (with translations provided).

- Two reference letters, one of which must come from the applicant's dissertation advisor
- A statement from the applicant's institution (preferably from the applicant's chair, director of graduate studies, or dean). The provided form asks the institutional representative to (1) attest to the viability of the proposed timeline for completion; (2) stipulate that, in the event of an award, the university will not charge the student tuition or fees beyond a limit of \$5,000; and (3) pledge that if an ACLS award is made, the university will not provide the applicant with any subsequent aid. The person submitting the statement should not be one of the reference letter writers.

Note that transcripts are not required.

Evaluation Criteria

Scholars asked to review applications in this program are instructed to use the following four criteria:

1. The potential of the project to advance the field of study in which it is proposed and make an original and significant contribution to knowledge.
2. The quality of the proposal with regard to its methodology, scope, theoretical framework, and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature.
3. The feasibility of the project and the likelihood that the applicant will execute the work within the proposed time frame.
4. The applicant's record of scholarly engagement and potential for scholarly achievement.

1 The Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship program does not accept applications from students receiving professional or applied PhDs, terminal degrees that are not a PhD (such as an EdD or MFA), or PhDs outside of humanities and social science departments, including the following disciplines: business, clinical or counseling psychology, creative or performing arts, education, engineering, filmmaking, law, library and information sciences, life/physical sciences, public administration, public health or medicine, public policy, social work, or social welfare. If you are unsure whether your department or interdisciplinary program qualifies you for this fellowship program, please email fellowships@acsls.org with a brief summary of your affiliation. [\[back to text\]](#)

2 Put another way, if the current academic year is your sixth year in the program or if you've been in the program for fewer years, then you are eligible to apply. Also, in special circumstances an applicant who is in her or his seventh year may petition, together with the dissertation advisor, to have this eligibility requirement extended by one year. Such applicants must present a compelling case for eligibility within their application materials. Please [see our FAQ](#) for additional information about time to degree. [\[back to text\]](#)

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	<p>1. Are you a PhD candidate in a humanities or social science department in the United States?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>2. Will you have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation (obtained ABD status) by October 26, 2016?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>3. Do you expect to finish your dissertation by the end of the 2017-18 academic year?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>4. Do you currently hold or have you previously held a dissertation completion fellowship?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>5. Have you previously applied for this fellowship more than once?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>Please note: The program is restricted to graduate students who, at the time of application, are no more than six years into the degree program. (This includes time spent earning an MA within that program.) In special circumstances an applicant who is in her or his seventh year may petition, together with the dissertation advisor, to have this eligibility requirement extended by one year. Such applicants must present a compelling case for eligibility within their application materials.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="button" value="CONTINUE"/></p>



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INSTRUCTIONS

You may make as many visits to your application as you wish, and revise any information in your application until it has been submitted. In order to be considered, your application must be complete and in SUBMITTED status at **9 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, October 26, 2016. You should complete the REFERENCE LETTERS section as soon as possible since your letter writers will also have until the application deadline (October 26) to submit their letters.**

This application consists of three parts: the application form itself, the uploaded proposal document (see [PROPOSAL UPLOAD](#)), and reference letters (see [REFERENCE LETTERS](#)).

BEFORE BEGINNING the application form, please read the Instructions regarding the [PROPOSAL UPLOAD](#) and the [REFERENCE LETTERS](#), as well as the following technical instructions.

A. How to SAVE and SUBMIT your data.

1. Do not use your browser's "BACK" or "FORWARD" buttons for navigation. Instead, use the navigation links and/or arrows provided on each application screen.
2. You must **SAVE each time you leave a screen**. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.) The SAVE button is on the bottom of your screen.
3. You may work on your application in as many sessions as you wish, and the status of your application will be **IN PROCESS** until you submit it. Once you are satisfied that your application is complete, you must go to the SUBMIT APPLICATION screen and select **SUBMIT APPLICATION**. Once your application has been SUBMITTED, it cannot revert to IN PROCESS status.
4. When you have completed your application, pause to check it one last time. We strongly suggest that you print and read your application before submitting it, so that you can be sure there are no further revisions you wish to make. Your print copy should include your uploaded document.
5. Your application status bar must show SUBMITTED at 9 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, **October 26, 2016** in order for it to be considered. ACLS will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline. **Once your application has been SUBMITTED, even if it was submitted before the final deadline, no changes will be permitted.**
6. We strongly urge you to print out and save a copy of the final version of your SUBMITTED application. Your print copy should include your uploaded document. You can print your application until January 15, 2017.

B. How to enter data.

1. You may begin completing the application at any section.
2. What you type into the form is exactly what will be seen by our reviewers. Therefore, please fill out the form carefully, paying attention to spelling, punctuation, grammar, and case. (For instance, do not use all caps.)
3. Text boxes will hold only a limited amount of text. Where longer answers are permitted, the number of available characters will normally be indicated. We suggest that you type rather than paste your response. If you paste your

response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit: excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your response is complete.

4. Dates should always be entered in the format mm/yyyy or mm/dd/yyyy where indicated. Where an entry continues into the present, please simply leave the ending date blank (mm/yyyy - [blank]).
5. Begin typing all answers at the extreme left hand side of the response area or box; do not leave a space or indent at the beginning of your answer.
6. In all dollar amount fields, use only digits. Please do not use the dollar sign or commas.

C. How to get help.

1. If you have questions about the application process, please consult FAQ. If your question is not answered there, click on the "OFA HELP" link that appears on the blue bar at the top of each screen to submit your query.
2. If you are unable to use the "OFA HELP" link that appears on the blue bar at the top of each screen (after this one), contact ofahelp@acsls.org with questions. (Please use the "OFA HELP" link instead if possible.)

Good luck with your application!

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Salutation **Mr.**

First Name **Jaelen**

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name **Floyd**

Suffix

Primary email address (should be valid through May 2017)

Institution Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code (if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Telephone () - , ext .

Home Address

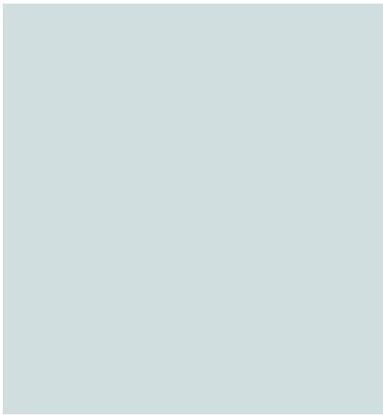
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State

State/Province (IF NOT U.S.)

Zip/Postal Code (if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Country (IF NOT U.S.)



Telephone () -

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Which is your preferred mailing address?

(Be sure to indicate your preferred mailing address.)

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PhD to be received from
 (To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Department

PhD major discipline

Start date of PhD program (use start date of MA if earned en route to the PhD)
 / (mm/yyyy)

Date of completion of all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation (ABD status)
 / (mm/yyyy)

Expected date of dissertation defense (or filing date if institution does not require defense)
 / (mm/yyyy)

Eligibility is restricted to PhD candidates who are no more than six years into the degree program. If you are in your seventh year, please provide additional information to support your application. Your dissertation supervisor, in the reference letter, should also explain your circumstances.
 (Space is available for up to 1000 characters, including spaces.)

Dissertation title

Name of dissertation supervisor

Email address of supervisor

Master's degree received from
 (To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Select a degree

Date master's degree received
 / (mm/yyyy)

Master's degree major discipline

BA/BS received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Date BA/BS received
 / (mm/yyyy)

BA/BS major discipline

List any additional degrees

List up to six foreign languages you can use, indicating proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing. (Use E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair or less, N/A=Not applicable.) If you are either a Native Speaker or Heritage Speaker of a language, please indicate by checking the appropriate box.

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Awards

Beginning with the most recent, list up to ten of the university and external forms of support received during graduate study: fellowships, teaching or research assistantships, tuition grants, scholarship awards, and summer support. Give in each case the dates, purposes (tuition, travel, expenses, etc.), and, where appropriate, the approximate amounts. If you are listing only selected awards, choose those that are most significant. Please do not be concerned if you do not use all ten entries.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example 09/1995
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000 (DO NOT USE dollar signs or commas.)

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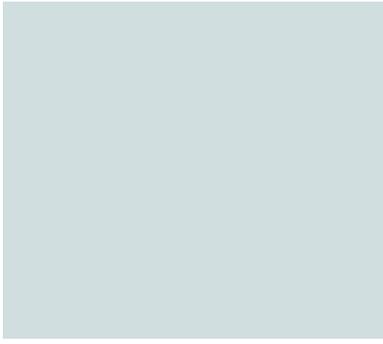
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Publications

Please include titles, dates of publication, names of publishers or journals, and number of pages for up to EIGHT publications. (Space is available for up to 1500 characters, including spaces.)



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In the text boxes below, please type rather than paste your response. If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit. Excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your responses are complete.

Do not use hard returns.

Dissertation Title
(Space is available for up to 250 characters, including spaces.)

Dissertation Abstract
(Space is available for up to 800 characters, including spaces.)

Optional: If there is a web page associated with your project, please provide the URL here:

Your proposal will be reviewed by scholars within your specific discipline and by others from across the humanities and related social sciences. Use this space to make a concise case for the broader significance of the project for the humanities and related social sciences in a way that will be legible and of interest to scholars outside your field. You should refrain from employing technical language specific to your discipline that may make this significance unclear to non-specialists.
(Space is available for up to 2000 characters, including spaces.)

If you are planning to conduct your proposed research project in a particular location, please specify where and when you plan to do so. Please be brief and give your response in this format: semester/location. Longer explanations of research plans should be included in your proposal document.

(Space is available for up to 150 characters, including spaces.)

List any countries or geographical areas on which your research is focused.

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2.

3.

4.

Other

List any countries or geographical areas other than the US in which you have done research in the last five years.

1.

2.

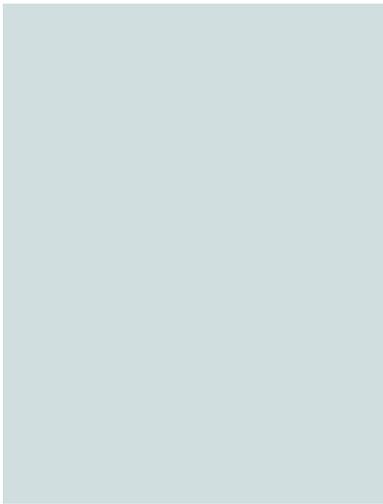
3.

Other

Please identify up to five disciplinary areas, in order of relevance, that best describe your research project. Do not choose "other" unless none of the options is close to your field. **For your first selection please choose the specific field that most closely corresponds to your research project.**

1. Other

2. Other



3. Other

4. Other

5. Other

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This information is REQUIRED (except as noted). It is for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the selection process.

Please remember:

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- use the format mm/yyyy throughout, except where mm/dd/yyyy is specifically requested
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000 (DO NOT USE dollar signs or commas.)

What is your country of citizenship?

If Other, enter country

If NOT United States, do you hold US Permanent Resident status?

List other major funding sources, with approximate amount and tenure period, to which you **ARE APPLYING** for dissertation completion support.

Source

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The following questions are optional and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Date of birth / / (mm/dd/yyyy)

Gender

With which group(s)

- do you most identify?
- White (not of Hispanic origin)
 - Black (not of Hispanic origin)
 - Hispanic or Latino/a
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - Asian
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - Other

The following questions are for informational purposes only.

1. How did you learn about ACLS fellowship programs? **(Please select all that apply.)**

- Higher Education publication (e.g., Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed)
- Department newsletter or bulletin board
- Dean or other administrator
- Office of Sponsored Research/Grants and Fellowships
- ACLS website
- Other website

Please specify:

- Former fellows
- Social media

Please specify:

- Other/informal communication

Other:

2. Please identify the ACLS member scholarly societies or ACLS affiliate organizations (if any) of which you are a member or with which you have an affiliation. **(Please check all that apply.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African Studies Association | <input type="checkbox"/> American Society of Comparative Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Language Association of America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Academy of Arts and Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> American Society of International Law | <input type="checkbox"/> National Communication Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Academy of Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> American Sociological Association | <input type="checkbox"/> National Council on Public History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Anthropological Association | <input type="checkbox"/> American Studies Association | <input type="checkbox"/> North American Conference on British Studies |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Antiquarian Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Institute of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Association for the History of Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Asian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of American Historians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Association of Geographers | <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Jewish Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Renaissance Society of America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Comparative Literature Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhetoric Society of America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Dialect Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Shakespeare Association of America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Economic Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Association of American Law Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Sixteenth Century Society and Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Folklore Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Bibliographical Society of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for American Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Historical Association | <input type="checkbox"/> College Art Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for Cinema and Media Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Musicological Society | <input type="checkbox"/> College Forum of the National Council of Teachers of English | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for Classical Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Numismatic Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Dictionary Society of North America | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for Ethnomusicology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Oriental Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic History Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for French Historical Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Philosophical Association | <input type="checkbox"/> German Studies Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for Military History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Philosophical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Society of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for Music Theory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Political Science Association | <input type="checkbox"/> History of Science Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Schools of Oriental Research | <input type="checkbox"/> International Center of Medieval Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society for Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American Studies Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Society for the History of Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Law and Society Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of Architectural Historians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society for Environmental History | <input type="checkbox"/> Linguistic Society of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of Biblical Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society for Legal History | <input type="checkbox"/> Medieval Academy of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of Dance History Scholars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society for Theatre Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Metaphysical Society of America | <input type="checkbox"/> World History Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Society of Church History | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East Studies Association of North | |

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ACLS Affiliates

- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- Association of Art Museum Curators
- Association of College & Research Libraries
- Association of Research Libraries
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Center for Research Libraries
- Community College Humanities Association
- Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes
- Federation of State Humanities Councils
- International Society for Third-Sector Research
- Phi Beta Kappa

3. Have you ever participated, beyond attending, in a scholarly meeting?

If yes, in what capacity? (Please indicate number of times: 0, 1, 2, etc.)

Delivered a paper

Organized a panel

Participated in roundtable discussion

Participated in poster session



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PLEASE NOTE: You MUST ENTER YOUR REFEREES on the Reference Letters page BEFORE they can log in to use the online references system. Please do not ask them to access the system until you have done this. Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the referee.

Two letters of reference and one institutional statement are required.

1. REFERENCE LETTERS. We suggest that you secure as referees scholars competent to judge your record, the present research proposal, and the probable future contribution to the field. One letter must come from your dissertation advisor. ACLS does not accept reference letters from dossier services, such as Interfolio or university-based services. [Why?](#)

Referees are asked to comment on the applicant as a scholar and on the specific proposal to ACLS. They are also asked to evaluate the scholar's ability to conduct and complete the project proposed, as well as the importance of this project within the general and specific field(s) to which it relates.

2. INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT. In addition to two letters of reference, we require a statement from the applicant's department chair, director of graduate studies, or dean.

The provided form asks the institutional representative to 1) attest to the viability of the proposed timeline for completion; 2) stipulate that, in the event of an award, the university will not charge the student tuition or fees beyond a limit of \$5,000; and 3) pledge that if an ACLS award is made, the university will not provide the applicant with any subsequent aid.

The person submitting the institutional form should not be one of the reference letter writers.

Letters of reference and the institutional statement must be submitted online. It is your responsibility to convey information about your proposal to your referees. After your referees have agreed to write on your behalf:

- Tell your referees to expect an email from ACLS.
- Make absolutely certain you have the correct email address for each referee.
- Enter each referee's name and email address by clicking on the "Add Referee" link at the bottom of this page. Please capitalize the name properly.
- Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the referee.
- It is not necessary to enter all referees at the same time. You can return to this screen at any time to enter referees.

No more than two letters of reference and one institutional statement will be accepted.

- Enter only the required number of referees. It is possible to enter additional referees, but you should do this only if you learn that a referee is unable to complete the promised letter.
- **The first two reference letters and the first institutional statement submitted will be the letters on file in support of your application.** Once the maximum number has been submitted, another referee attempting to submit a letter for you will be prevented from doing so. Be careful not to put anyone in this situation.

If you learn that your referee did not receive an email with instructions, enter the information again using the "Add Referee" link below to have the email sent again. (You will not be able to enter the information again, however, if the referee has begun your letter.)

Letters of reference and the institutional statement are due by the application deadline, October 26, 2016. It is your responsibility to check online to see whether letters have

been submitted. The system will continue to accept letters after the deadline and will add them to your application at the earliest possible time, though we cannot guarantee that they will accompany your application through our entire review process.

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To complete your application package, in addition to the application form, you must upload the following items: 1) a proposal, timeline, and project bibliography and 2) a chapter of your dissertation. **Your proposal, timeline, and project bibliography should be uploaded as one continuous document; the dissertation chapter should be uploaded as a separate document. (You will upload a total of two documents.)**

1a) PROPOSAL:

In preparing this material, please keep in mind that our review process consists of two stages. At the first stage, applicants' work is reviewed by specialists in their disciplines, while at the second, it is reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee of scholars in the humanities and social sciences.

Content: A concise statement describing your research project is required. The narrative statement should explain, briefly but specifically, what you plan to do and why, as well as describe progress already made. Discuss the significance of this work within your specific and general fields. Please balance the description of specific work plans against an overview of your goals and the contribution this project will make to the field(s) it engages. Title your proposal in a brief, descriptive way and label sections of your narrative as appropriate to assist readers. Be sure to explain terms that might not be familiar to those outside your field or subfield.

The proposal must not exceed five double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font. You may, however, include up to an additional 3 pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials.

1b) TIMELINE:

Please provide a succinct timeline for completion of dissertation writing and defense. [See sample timelines.](#)

The timeline must not exceed one page, in Times New Roman 11-point font.

1c) BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The bibliography should provide an overview of essential references for your project, and should balance the various sorts of key materials being used.

The bibliography must not exceed 2 pages, and should be double-spaced between entries.

2) DISSERTATION CHAPTER:

Include a polished, substantive chapter of your dissertation (that is neither the introduction, nor the conclusion, nor the literature review) of not more than 25 double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font (or a representative 25-page excerpt from a longer chapter). The chapter must be in English, though quotations may be in other languages (with translations provided). Your chapter should include citations, but they must be contained within the 25 double-spaced page limit. Note that brief, in-text citations are acceptable if the work cited appears in the project bibliography.

Documents must adhere to the page limits and formatting requirements to be

reviewed.

3) DOCUMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

- Items **1a**, **1b**, and **1c** must be uploaded as one continuous document. Item **2** should be uploaded as a separate, second document.
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4) INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPLOADING YOUR DOCUMENTS:

The proposal elements should be collated in this order—proposal, timeline, and project bibliography—and uploaded as one file. The dissertation chapter should be uploaded as a separate, second document.

Files will be accepted in the following formats **ONLY**:

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I have completed the application, and would like to **SUBMIT** it for ACLS consideration.

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