

Dear Ph.D. Students,

I am writing to invite you to apply for the sociology department's Summer Research Fellowship (SRF). This fellowship is designed to support students who plan to use the summer to engage in scholarly research and/or writing. The amount of the fellowship will be approximately \$4000, or the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a regular annual stipend. We anticipate being able to offer a total of four SRFs for Summer 2009. Please bear the following criteria in mind when applying.

1. To be eligible for this award, you must commit in writing (in the application) to an average of no more than 15 hours a week of paid employment for the 13 weeks of June, July, and August, or a total of no more than 195 hours of paid employment during these 13 weeks.
2. To be eligible for this award, you must also commit in writing to regular contact with your advisor(s), to be specified in the application. In cases where the student and advisor cannot meet (e.g., because the student is conducting fieldwork abroad) the student must commit in writing to e-mailing regular memoranda to their advisor(s).
3. If you plan to use the fellowship to conduct fieldwork, you must have submitted your research proposal to IRB by the April 10 deadline.
4. Priority will be given to students in years 1-6.
5. Priority will be given to students who have not received an SRF in the past. In other words, if you get an SRF this summer, you are unlikely to receive one in the future. Conversely, if you don't get one this summer, you are more likely to get in the future.
6. Priority will be given to students who are neither beginning nor ending a year of having received a Dissertation Fellowship or a Ben Alper Fellowship.
7. Priority will be given to students who have no Incompletes on their transcripts.
8. Priority will be given to students who plan to use the summer to engage in empirical research (e.g., data collection, fieldwork, data analysis, etc) rather than pure writing.
9. Priority will be given to research proposals that address important questions, are well-grounded in relevant scholarly literatures, and that have clearly-specified research questions and appropriate methods.
10. Finally, priority will be given to projects that are likely to lead to publishable articles (whether single-authored or co-authored).

Students who are interested in applying for an SRF should fill out the following application form (starting on the next page), and attach a 2-5 page single-spaced research proposal. In addition, the student should submit a transcript (a computer printout or photocopy is fine), and a letter of support from the primary advisor who will be supervising his/her summer research. The letter should specifically (1) express the advisor's willingness to regularly supervise the student's research/writing activities over the summer in line with what is described in the student's application; (2) evaluate the likelihood of completion of the summer activities proposed, and address the likelihood of future publication; and (3) express the advisor's willingness to complete a brief follow-up memo to the Graduate Studies Committee at the beginning of the fall semester evaluating the student's progress.

Application materials should be submitted to Jean Lovett by 5 p.m. on April 10, 2009.

<p>APPLICATION FOR SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP Deadline: April 10, 2009</p>	
Name:	
Year of Entry into Ph.D. Program:	
Name of primary advisor/supervisor of summer research:	
Use to which fellowship will be put: Research [<input type="checkbox"/>] Writing [<input type="checkbox"/>] Both research and writing [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
If your summer activities include fieldwork, please indicate the date of IRB submission and IRB response to date.	
Is the goal of your summer research/writing a publishable article? Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
Below, describe your plans for paid summer employment (number of hours per week and/or number of months). Please state your commitment to devoting an average of no more than 15 hours per week (or a total of no more than 195 hours) to paid employment during the 13 weeks of June, July, and August, in the event that you were to be awarded a fellowship.	
Below, briefly (in no more than 1 or 2 paragraphs) describe your project and plans for summer research/writing, in the event that you were to be awarded a fellowship. Please include a description or schedule detailing how often you plan to meet with your advisor(s) (or provide them with memos, if meetings are not possible).	
Please attach a 2-5 page single-spaced research proposal.	