

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Program (DPDF): *Faculty Field Competition*

Pairs of faculty who would like to train graduate students to contribute to emerging or revitalizing interdisciplinary fields of study within the humanities and/or social sciences are encouraged to submit proposals to design and lead student workshops in 2010. The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship Program (DPDF) will support successful faculty applicants in directing two workshops for early-stage graduate students to prepare dissertation research and funding proposals. Between the workshops, the students will be supported to carry out summer research and explore questions and methods for dissertation research. The DPDF program is intended to intervene in the career development of graduate students, facilitate their transition from students to researchers, and enable them to participate in the development of interdisciplinary fields of study.

Five pairs of faculty field directors will be selected to organize two four-day workshops for 12 graduate students each. Student participants will be recruited and selected competitively through the SSRC. The first field workshops to orient students to their fields and prepare them for summer research, are to take place on June 3-6, 2010. The second workshops, to enable students to draw upon their orientations and research to prepare dissertation research and funding proposals, are to take place on September 16-19, 2010.

Each faculty field director will be provided a stipend of \$10,000.

Research Fields

Faculty applicants are asked to propose a field of interdisciplinary study that has not been a focus of DPDF training in the past. Full descriptions of past research fields and the program are available at: <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/dpdf/>.

Field Research Directors

Each pair of field research directors must have different disciplinary specializations, hold tenured positions at different US graduate degree-granting institutions, and be experienced in supervising students in dissertation research. The field directors design and, with organizational logistics provided by SSRC staff, lead the spring and fall workshops.

Application Requirements and Deadline

Pairs of eligible faculty are invited to submit joint proposals for 2010 through the SSRC's application portal, <http://applications.ssrc.org/>. Proposals should describe the interdisciplinary nature of the proposed field, the disciplines from which the SSRC might recruit graduate students to participate, and the kinds of training activities to be organized in each workshop. Applicants should also provide a short field bibliography and Curricula Vitae. Applications for 2010 must be submitted via the SSRC application portal by October 2nd, 2009.

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