

NOMINATION INFORMATION
GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIP
Departmental Deadline: March 14, 2011

Eligibility: Domestic students at various stages of their career. Candidates are judged on academic merit and potential for success and evidence that they qualify based on the experience of disadvantages and/or their contributions to the diversity and equal opportunity in the academic community through teaching, research, or service. Qualified applicants generally meet one or more of the following criteria: low family socio-economic status, such as might be contributed to by financial responsibility for immediate or extended family; experience of a condition impeding advancement to graduate study, such as the absence of a family member who had attended college, or the financial need to be employed while attending school; educational disadvantages such as matriculation in a school or schools with poor financial or curricular support; having a physical or mental special need; unusual or varied life experiences; fluency in other languages; academic research interests focusing on cultural, social or educational problems as they affect educationally underserved segments of society; or evidence of an intention to use the doctoral degree toward serving underserved segments of society. P3 students are ineligible for this fellowship.

Terms of the Award: One-year award, \$18,000 stipend plus payment of in-state fees and health insurance.

Award Determination: Candidates are judged on their academic performance and promise; the significance and contributions expected from the proposed research; and clarity and feasibility of their research plans for the proposed fellowship year.

To apply submit the following:

1. *Departmental Summary Sheet*
(download at: <http://www.history.ucsb.edu/graduates/continuing.php>)
2. *Curriculum Vitae* (a CV template is available on the same web page)
3. *Project description.* Maximum length five (5) single-spaced pages. If you are ABD, clearly explain your dissertation research and describe its significance in terms understandable to historians outside your particular field. Include an outline of chapters. If you are in the research stage, state your research plans. If you are in the writing stage, explain your progress since last year and provide a schedule for completion. If you are not ABD and have not yet finalized a dissertation topic, clearly explain your current research interests, and explain how you will use the Graduate Opportunity Fellowship to advance your dissertation research. In any case, clearly explain why you meet the eligibility criteria above.
4. *Nomination Letter.* your faculty advisor should write a nomination letter, using the form below or submitting a letter that addresses each section of the form below. Your advisor's letter should specifically address the eligibility criteria above. Your advisor should give a paper copy to Darcy, and also send a PDF of his/her letter to historygradfunding@gmail.com.

You must submit your materials both on paper and electronically. Submit one complete paper copy of all your materials to Darcy by 4:00pm on **Monday, March 14.**

Submit one complete electronic copy of all your materials by **Monday, March 14.** Send your materials as a single PDF file to: historygradfunding@gmail.com. Your PDF file must contain your last name, the year (2011), and the words “funding applications.” For example: Smith-2011-funding applications. In the subject line of your email put your last name and first name. If you are applying for multiple fellowships, you should still submit all your materials as a single file. See the Departmental Summary Sheet for more information.

2011-12 CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION NOMINATIONS
GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIP
NOMINATION MEMO

Nominee Name _____

Please evaluate the project and qualifications of the nominee. Please type. You may use this form or submit a separate letter which addresses each section of the form.

PROJECT/RESEARCH FOCUS: *(Significance, feasibility, etc.)*

TIMELINESS/PROGRESS: *(At what stage is the student in his/her study? Describe his/her progress. Describe benefit/importance of fellowship at this stage.)*

NOMINEE: *(Academic record and promise; please indicate in what percentile this student falls compared to other students you have supervised.)*

NOMINEE: *(Accomplishments; please include pertinent information such as publications, presentations at scholarly meetings, artistic performances in public forum, and other applicable accomplishments.)*

NOMINEE - Diversity: *(Please summarize the measures by which this student contributes to the diversity of the graduate student population at UCSB, see page 2 of the nomination memo.)*

Nominator's Name (please print) _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Department _____