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EHA RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Economic History Association announces two new awards programs to foster graduate student research in economic history. These awards are open to graduate students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program in a social science discipline or in history. There are no requirements as to topic area.

The first program is a pre-dissertation grants program. Pre-dissertation awards provide funding for specific research purposes (for example, visiting archives or purchase of microfilm or CD-ROMs). Pre-dissertation awards are designed for graduate students who intend to write a dissertation in economic history. The Committee expects to be able to fund a maximum of five to eight pre-dissertation awards per year.

The second program is a dissertation awards program. The dissertation award is \$10,000, and is intended to be the equivalent of a fellowship. Dissertation awards are designed for students whose thesis topic has been approved and who have made some progress towards writing their dissertation. The Committee expects to fund up to three dissertation proposals per year.

Students interested in applying to either program should prepare a grant proposal. The application should include a front cover page, giving the name of the student, institutional affiliation, social security number, all contact information (mailing address, phone, email, and fax, if available), the type of award for which the student is

applying, and the requested budget (pre-dissertation awards only). Applications for dissertation awards must also list the name of the chair of the dissertation committee on the front cover page.

Pre-dissertation proposals should be no longer than three single-spaced pages, inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. The body of the proposal should describe the topic of the research, explain specifically how the requested support will facilitate the research, give a timetable for completion of the research, and include a brief bibliography. Immediately following the body of the proposal there should be an itemized budget and a copy of the student's current CV. The budget and CV should not exceed two single-spaced pages in total. The Committee anticipates that most pre-dissertation awards will be in the range of \$3,000-\$5,000. Requests in excess of \$5,000 are unlikely to be funded.

Proposals for dissertation awards should be no longer than five single-spaced pages, inclusive of any footnotes, tables, and bibliography. The body of the proposal should describe the dissertation topic, explain specifically how the fellowship will facilitate completion of the dissertation (for example, travel to archives, purchase of research materials, release from teaching), describe the work to date, give a time-table for completion of the thesis, and include a brief bibliography. A one-page copy of the student's current CV should be appended after the body of the proposal. No budget is required for a dissertation proposal. Although it is not required, applicants for dissertation awards are strongly encouraged to append a draft of a completed thesis chapter after their CV. Students applying to either program should arrange for two letters from faculty members affiliated with their graduate program who are knowledgeable about the student and the proposed research. For dissertation awards one of these letters must be from the chair of the student's dissertation committee.

Awards under either program are non-renewable. Students cannot apply for a pre-dissertation award and a dissertation award in the same year. Recipients of dissertation awards may not subsequently apply for a pre-dissertation award, nor will the Committee fund dissertation awards to students whose dissertations are essentially completed or nearing completion. However, recipients of pre-dissertation awards may subsequently apply for a dissertation award. The Committee reserves the right to make no awards in either program in any given year.

Application materials (proposal; budget, if relevant; CV; and thesis chapter, if relevant) should be sent by email to each member of the Committee (see below). Faculty writing letters of recommendation should email these separately. Applications and letters may also be sent by regular mail. The deadline for the 2003 awards cycle is November 15, 2002. Awards will be announced by January 15, 2003.

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