

## Department of History/University of Wisconsin-Madison External Opportunities Fund

The Department of History encourages graduate students to seek outside fellowships, especially those funded by major foundations and scholarly associations. The purpose of these awards is to allow students to concentrate on their seminar work or dissertations. They enhance students' academic profiles, augment their confidence, and shorten the time it takes to reach the doctoral degree. Such awards are also a major source of funding that could appreciably improve the Department's ability to support graduate education.

In order to facilitate receipt of external awards, the Department is creating the External Opportunities Fund (EOF). The EOF will make it possible for graduate students to apply for such awards, and will encourage them to do so in a systematic manner.

Funds will first be available in the 2008-2009 academic year.

To be eligible for an EOF grant, students must give the graduate program advance notice that they are applying for external funding. They should use the EOF application form to do so (see *ADD WEBLINK when available*).

Priority will be given to those who have never received EOF monies. The number of grants given each semester is contingent on the availability of funds.

The following conditions apply to the EOF:

1. The Graduate Program encourages students to seek support from all appropriate outside grantors. In order to obtain such funds whenever grantors do not cover or even require University supplements to cover either/or tuition, fees or benefits, the Department will make available a limited amount of funding to supplement funds granted by beneficiaries, in accordance with rules outlined below.
2. There are two kinds of EOF grants:
  - a) *Grants to support students who receive major graduate fellowships.*

These grants will supplement fellowships that require the University to provide tuition and/or benefits, or to cap the amount charged to the student for those purposes. If essential to receive the fellowship, EOF funds will be made available to recipients to the full extent of the grantors' requirement. Fellowships of this sort include, but are not limited to, programs from the Mellon Foundation, the Quinn Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Further examples include ACLS, AAUW, MacArthur, Pew, Spencer, and Whiting fellowships. If necessary for submitting the application, the Director of Graduate Studies will certify that EOF funds are available.

- b) *Smaller grants, typically not framed by grantors as fellowships, which assist students with costs attendant on research and writing.*

In some cases, the funds may support payment of tuition and fees. EOF will support a supplement to a maximum of 40% of the cash value of the award. Under this category of EOF grant, the maximum award to a student per academic year will be \$8,000.

EOFs will not be granted in cases where the Graduate School already has an existing commitment with the funding organization to provide the funds to cover tuition and benefits. Examples of these organizations with these types of arrangements include: Jacob Javits, the Ford Foundation, NSF, NPSC, SSRC, ACLS, and Newcombe.

Receiving an EOF counts as a semester of departmental funding.

For further information about EOF, please inquire with Jane Williams (jrwillia@wisc.edu; 263-1962), Leslie Abadie (abadie@wisc.edu, 263-1961) or Professor Francisco A. Scarano (fscarano@wisc.edu, 263-3945).

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

**APPLICATION FOR 2008-2009 EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING**

ALL HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COMPETITION

**-----Submit this form and the required supporting documents at the same time that you submit the external grant applications-----**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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There are two kinds of EOF grants. Please circle the type of EOF funds you are seeking:

A) Major graduate fellowships: These are fellowships that require the University to provide tuition and/or benefits, or to cap the amount charged to the student for those purposes. If essential to receive the fellowship, EOF funds will be made available to recipients to the full extent of the grantors' requirement. Fellowships of this sort include, but are not limited to, programs from the Mellon Foundation, the Quinn Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Further examples include ACLS, AAUW, MacArthur, Pew, Spencer, and Whiting fellowships.

B) A combination of smaller grants: In some cases, the funds may support payment of tuition and fees. EOF will support a supplement to a maximum of 40% of the cash value of the award. Under this category of EOF grant, the maximum award to a student per academic year will be \$8,000.

Application process:

1. On an attached sheet, provide the following information about each of the external fellowship organizations to whom you have applied:
  - Name
  - Application Deadline
  - Award Amount Anticipated
  - Anticipated Date of Announcement
  - Amount not covered by the funds
2. Attach a statement signed by your faculty advisor testifying that the fellowship(s) above is a major fellowship in your area of study.
3. Attach your C.V.

Total amount of anticipated request from EOF funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit applications to the Fellowship and Scholarships Committee, c/o Jane Williams, 4217 Mosse Building.