

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
**2018 Chancellor's Doctoral Fellowships and 2018 Dean's Doctoral Fellowships**

**Call for Applications**

**Deadlines:**

***Round 1 Program Applications: Noon, Friday, September 15, 2017***

***Round 2 Individual Student Nominations: Noon, Friday, February 2, 2018***

*The 2018 Fellowships are intended to support students initiating their doctoral studies in the 2018-2019 academic year. All doctoral programs within the College are eligible to apply, including past recipients of the Chancellor's and Dean's Doctoral Fellowship. Only doctoral programs that participate in Round 1 and are not selected are eligible to participate in Round 2.*

**PURPOSE**

**Chancellor's Doctoral Fellowships**

The Chancellor's Doctoral Fellowships (CDF) are designed to strengthen KU's recruitment of the very best doctoral students and to support those students' timely progress to degree. Programs are expected to fully support the Fellows' efforts to complete the degree within five years. This should include a mentoring plan and close tracking of the student's progress through established milestones. Department/program efforts that support timely degree completion for all doctoral students in the program are especially encouraged.

**Dean's Doctoral Fellowships**

The Dean's Doctoral Fellowships (DDF) are intended to strengthen KU's recruitment of the very best doctoral students, to support those students' timely progress to degree, and to promote a culture of grant-seeking among the College's doctoral students and academic units. Programs are expected to fully support the Fellows' efforts to seek external funding. This may include one-on-one mentoring, early involvement in faculty grant applications, or direct support for the development of external funding applications in the form of a workshop. Department/program efforts that encourage external grant seeking among all doctoral students in the program are especially encouraged.

**OVERVIEW OF THE AWARDS**

**Chancellor's Doctoral Fellows** will receive a \$25,000 stipend plus resident rate tuition and required fees for five years of doctoral study. Each Fellow will be appointed as a GRA during the first year and the final dissertation year. Funds made available by the Chancellor's office provide for the first and fifth years of doctoral study. For students who complete the degree more quickly, the Chancellor's office will provide support for the first and final dissertation year. Three additional years of study must be funded by the department/program at the same level of support. Programs may elect to appoint the Fellow as either a GRA or GTA (.50 appointment) in these intervening years.

**Dean's Doctoral Fellows** will receive a \$22,000 stipend plus resident rate tuition and required fees for a minimum of four and up to five years of doctoral study. One of these years will be supported through a College-funded GRA. Departments/programs may elect to award this GRA

at any time during the Fellow's first, second, or third year of study. Three additional years of study must be funded by the department/program at the same level of support through either GRA or GTA (.50 appointment) funds.

Dean's Fellows will receive a second year of College-funded GRA (for a total of 5 years of funding) upon submission of an application for an external grant or fellowship. In the event of a successful external application, the student will still receive the funds allocated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of College-funded GRA support, in a manner to be determined in consultation between the College, the doctoral program, and the student. Please see the General Terms document for further details and limitations.

### **ROUND 1 - PROGRAM APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

In Round 1, four Chancellor's and three Dean's Fellowships will be awarded to selected doctoral programs. Receiving programs may offer the Fellowship to the applicant of their choice. The review committee is appointed by the Dean and provides for representation from all divisions in the College. The committee will assess the merits of each program application in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Recruitment goals are clear and realistic. There is a specific strategy in place to achieve those goals.
2. The approach to recruitment results in a strong pool of competitive applicants each year or holds great promise to significantly improve the applicant pool in the near term. If awarded the Fellowship, the program will be able to use the funds to recruit from among the very best doctoral student in their discipline.
3. The program has clear goals for their doctoral program and regularly evaluates their progress toward those goals.
4. The structure of the doctoral program and the approach to mentoring supports timely completion of the degree for all students. Time to degree is satisfactory OR the program has taken significant steps to reduce time to degree in recent years. The program is prepared to hold the Fellow accountable to the five-year timeline of the fellowship program.
5. Strategies are in place to make optimal use of existing program resources to support effective doctoral education (e.g., multi-year funding commitments, tracking employment outcomes of graduates).
6. The program is prepared to leverage existing or new resources to raise additional external funds.
7. Dean's Fellowship Only: The program has a concrete plan to support grant-seeking among its graduate students.

In addition to the application materials, the selection committee will also consult program data available via Tableau and the most current Doctoral Program Profiles to aid their decision.

Programs are expected to utilize department/program funds to cover the full fellowship amount during the years not covered by College GRA funding. In cases where the gap between the program's regular GTA/GRA salaries and Fellowship stipend levels is significant, the College

will accept requests for additional support to help bridge the gap between standard GTA/GRA salaries. The application form includes a field to make such requests. ***The request must be included in the application to be considered by the College Budget Office.***

A single application form is used for both fellowships, and programs may select to which fellowship they wish to apply (CDF, DDF, or both). Programs must submit their application using the online form on the [COGA website](#). The form will be closed to new submissions promptly at 12:00 Noon on Friday, September 15, 2017. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** No extraneous materials will be considered.

## **ROUND 2 – STUDENT NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

In Round 2, those programs that are unsuccessful in Round 1 will be invited to put forward their strongest doctoral applicant for consideration for one of four remaining fellowships (2 Chancellor's and 2 Dean's).

The process for Round 2 is intended to guarantee a quick turnaround on application review. Accordingly, requirements for the application package are minimal: 1) a copy of the student's complete application for graduate admission, 2) a copy of the program's admission criteria and any evaluation rubric utilized by the admissions committee (if applicable), and 3) a letter of support from the Chair of the Department/Director of the Program.

Nominations for Round 2 will be reviewed by the same review committee as Round 1. Students will be selected based upon the strengths of their application for admission to their chosen doctoral program. Information provided in the Round 1 program application may be consulted to provide context for the student application.

Programs must submit their nomination online. A link to the nomination form will be provided to eligible departments after Round 1 is complete. The form will be closed to new submissions promptly at noon on Friday, February 2, 2018. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** No extraneous materials will be considered.

## **AWARD NOTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE**

Programs will be notified regarding Round 1 awards by the end of September. Successful programs must accept the award within the timeframe indicated in the award letter. Successful applications may be shared with other departments and programs to provide examples for future applicants. Programs will be notified of Round 2 awardees by mid-February.

**Prior to application, programs must review the General Terms of Award document for more information on program and student expectations.**

## **QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding the application process may be addressed to Rachel Schwien at [rschwien@ku.edu](mailto:rschwien@ku.edu). All other questions should be addressed to Kristine Latta at [klatta@ku.edu](mailto:klatta@ku.edu).