



OFFICE OF GRADUATE  
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

# Humanities Fellowships

## *2026 Three-Part Grant Workshop*

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# Will cover three fellowships:

- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship
- Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program

# Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowship

- Major, one-year award intended to fund **early stages of dissertation research and conceptualization.**
- Any field/topic in humanities or interpretive social sciences.
- Includes funding for research, professional development/training, and outside mentorship, as well as a generous stipend.
- Basically, wants you to imagine what your dissertation could be if you got an extra year and \$52,000 to do it.
- Due in October

# “Innovation”

- Innovation is the keyword of this fellowship.
- “seeks to **expand the range of research methodologies, formats, and areas of inquiry** traditionally considered suitable for the dissertation”
- Wants to see: interdisciplinarity; embrace of new research tools, perspectives, voices; moves away from standard written dissertation.
- FSU’s three recipients in 2023: 1) dissertation as rap album, 2) multi-language archives and Yoruba epistemology, 3) blending national histories to study border area and create an ethnographic film.

# Mellon/ACLS Application

- Application requires a seven-page (double spaced) proposal, optional personal statement, bibliography, and one letter of rec.
- Seven-page **proposal is the main element**. It will require time and multiple drafts.
  - The proposal should describe your overall dissertation project, but it should focus on describing plans for the fellowship year.
  - Address each of the areas the fellowship funds:
    - What additional training or courses will you take to build an innovative approach (e.g., GIS, coding, filmmaking.)
    - What research will you do?
    - Who will serve as outside mentor? Why?

# Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship

- Dissertation completion fellowship – funds final year of writing.
- Focus on religion, ethics, values, or morality.
- Humanities and social sciences as primary disciplines. Open to STEM as well, if religion, ethics, and values are central to your work.
- Wide range of topics/fields within that focus: “the ancient past, with modern relevance; it may be a unique perspective on a well-known topic; it may revolve around culture, art, societies, or identity”
- Fall deadline

# Newcombe Tips

- Shorter initial application (three-page project description with two-three-page bibliography); if selected as finalists, will have 10-page project proposal as well.
- “We encourage you to reflect on how your work takes up **complexity**, wrestles with difficult or **normative questions**, and contributes meaningfully to conversations at **intersection of scholarship and moral inquiry.**”
- Not just *what* you study, but **why it matters.**
- **Accessible language.** Reviewers drawn from variety of fields/expertise.

# Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- If you need to do research overseas, Fulbright is a good way to do it!
- Limited to U.S. citizens, otherwise open to all fields and degrees
- Fulbright Study/Research award type allows you to spend up to 9 months conducting your own self-directed research or creative projects.
- Archival research, field work, time in country to explore culture, sources, places. Can use time to research or write/create.
- Some countries will require language proficiency.
  - *Some projects will require proficiency even if the country does not!*

# Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- Robust application support at FSU.
  - “Intent to Participate” due in June. Canvas course for help.
- Students have used Fulbright to:
  - Research and write a World War I novel in France.
  - Study Byzantine art history in Greece/Turkey.
  - Study folklore and gender in Bulgaria.
  - Study women-led drumming ensembles in Brazil.
  - Study federalism and the politics of preemption in Canada.
  - But also, teach English, study sport psychology, do biomedical research, and more.

# Fulbright Application

- Fulbright application is short. *That's the challenge.*
- Study/Research application is **6,000-character proposal**.
- Written for broad, nonspecialist audience.
- Main points to make: 1) what you're doing, 2) why it's significant, 3) why you need to be in that country to do it.
- **Feasible** timeline; address questions of **access**.
- Most countries require an “affiliate,” i.e., an in-country mentor/host for your project. A university is always a good bet but not necessarily required.
  - Often takes a while, especially in Europe!

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## Services & Resources

- Funding search assistance
- One-on-one & small-group meetings
- Document review/feedback
- Workshops & Info Sessions
- Online application tips & resources
- Canvas courses (self-enroll link)
- Check out past award winners here (Grad Student Award Recipient Database)

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