

Call for Applications:

Center for Democratic Deliberation Doctoral Fellows Program

The Center for Democratic Deliberation (CDD) is pleased to announce the 2018-19 Dissertation Fellows Program, in conjunction with the College of the Liberal Arts (CLA) and the [Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release Program](#). These awards provide a one-semester release from teaching or related service and a research grant to humanities graduate students in CLA who are supported on assistantships. Awardees will have the title of CDD Dissertation Fellow.

CDD Dissertation Fellows will continue to receive their regular assistantship stipend. They will also receive a \$1000 research fund provided by the CDD to use for equipment, supplies, travel, or other expenses related to the dissertation project. Although the course release is for one semester, the award term is the whole academic year.

During the period of their award, dissertation fellows will be asked to: 1) organize an occasional reading/discussion group (or a small amount of some other form of scholarly engagement) on aspects of democratic deliberation, broadly defined; 2) participate in CDD scholarly events (colloquia, etc.); and 3) present their dissertation research at a CDD Fellows colloquium. CDD Fellows are expected to remain in residence at University Park during the period of the Dissertation Fellows Program and to participate in the activities of the Center.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the CDD Dissertation Fellows Program, applicants must meet the following [Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release Program](#) criteria:

1. Students must be enrolled in a CLA department or program, conducting scholarship that reflects the CDD's concern with civic life and the quality of public deliberation.
2. Students must be ABD and supported on assistantship during the CDD Dissertation Fellows Program (2018-19 academic year).
3. Students must receive a full one-term release from teaching and other duties from their home department/program in order to devote themselves to dissertation research in residence at University Park. (CDD dissertation fellows may travel for research or conference activities with the permission of their Graduate Director.)
4. Students may not hold any other academic appointment during the CDD Dissertation Fellows Program.

Application Procedures:

Applications are processed through the Office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts and should include:

1. A completed Information Summary Form (“Appendix B,” accompanying document).
2. Verification in the form of a memo from your director of graduate studies indicating eligibility for the [Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release Program](#) throughout the 2019-19 academic year.
3. A curriculum vitae (no more than three pages).
4. A cover letter that includes:
 - ✓ interest in either a Fall 2018 or Spring 2019 release
 - ✓ a brief description of the applicant’s dissertation project *and* its connection with the mission of the CDD
 - ✓ information on the status of the applicant’s dissertation proposal
 - ✓ a timetable for anticipated completion of the applicant’s dissertation
 - ✓ the applicant’s interest in participating in the activities of the CDD during the fellowship period

Applicants should send one PDF copy of their applications materials to Keshia Kennelley (Administrative Support Assistant to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, CLA) at kak43@psu.edu. The **deadline** for receipt of applications is **Monday, April 2, 2018** at 5pm.

For further information on this program, please contact Bradford Vivian, Director of the CDD, at bjv113@psu.edu or 814-865-0945.