

To: PhD Candidates in Literature and RCTE
From: Tenney Nathanson, Director of Graduate Studies
Re: Patrick Fellowship applications

Students in Literature and RCTE who have passed their Comprehensive Examinations are invited to apply for the Patrick dissertation fellowships. This year there will be one fellowship in RCTE and one in Literature. Applications are due to your Program Assistant in early November. Winners will be announced in early December.

Position/Award Description

The Patrick Fellowship is designed to support doctoral students in the conduct of dissertation research. Each spring, two \$8,000 Patrick Fellowships will be awarded to Ph.D. candidates in the department (one in Literature and one in RCTE). Awardees who hold GAT appointments may opt to continue their positions at .50 FTE with full University benefits. Those who choose to limit or discontinue their employment should be aware of how the change will increase their personal financial responsibility to the University. Please consult with your program director or program assistant. Awardees receiving funding through the Office of Student Financial Aid (OFSA) must inform an advisor of changes in their level of support or cost of education. Please consult an OFSA advisor to determine the number of units required to maintain full-time graduate student status.

Eligibility

Ph.D. candidates in the Literature and RCTE Programs who have passed their Comprehensive examinations, have not defended their dissertation, and have not previously won the Patrick award.

Criteria for Selection

Selection will be based on the quality of the applicants' records and writing samples, the timeliness of their progress towards the degree, and the committee's evaluation of applicants' potential for making future contributions to their fields.

Selection Process

There are two routes to nomination:

1. RCTE faculty serve as the nominating body for RCTE students; the Graduate Literature Committee (GLC) nominates students from the Literature Program. Students will then submit to the director of their program a c.v., an approved dissertation proposal, and a dissertation chapter; in addition, they should request a letter of support from their dissertation director.
2. Students may nominate themselves by submitting to the Director of their program a c.v., an approved dissertation proposal, a dissertation chapter, and two letters of support from faculty, one of which should be from the dissertation director and should include an assessment of the student's progress on the project.
3. The awards committee will be composed of the Directors of the Literature and RCTE Programs.

Application Deadline

All application materials are due to the RCTE and Literature Program Assistants early NOVEMBER.

Submission Format and Application Delivery

You must submit both a hardcopy and an electronic copy of your application. The hardcopy should be given to your program assistant or delivered to her mailbox in ML 445. The electronic copy (Word or PDF) should be emailed to your program assistant. Both hardcopy and electronic copy are due early November.

Notification

Typically within two weeks after application.