

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
UNM-MELLON DOCTORAL COMPLETION FELLOWSHIPS  
2015-2016**

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2015 by 5 pm**

**Award Notifications: May 1, 2015 by 5 pm**

**Fellowship Award begins: August 1, 2015**

**CRITERIA/ELEGIBILITY:**

1. Doctoral students from the following 10 programs are eligible to apply for a Mellon Doctoral Completion Fellowship: American Literary Studies (English), American Studies, Anthropology, Arts of the Americas (Art History), Communications (Communications and Journalism), Hispanic Linguistics and Literature (Spanish and Portuguese), History, Latin American Studies, Linguistics, and Sociology.
2. Applicants must be senior doctoral students who demonstrate their capability and intention to complete their dissertations within the time frame of either one year (by July 31, 2016) or two years (by July 31, 2017).
3. Applicants must demonstrate they meet the UNM-Mellon Fellowship criteria including
  - a. Emphasis on humanistic social science;
  - b. Scholarship focused on the historic and cultural dimensions of Hispano and Native American people and communities; and
  - c. Themes and topics such as, but are not limited to: 1. Exploration of cultural citizenship that engages social, political and global issues of ethnicity and language, space and place, and the cultural dimensions of health, sustainability, and traditions of resilience; 2. Expansion of historical scholarship that feature new actors and narrators involving the southwest US/Mexico border and other Indigenous Peoples with national and international implications; 3. Engagement with Hispano and Native American communities with interest given to the local impact of research that contributes to the public good in the context of rapidly changing environmental, physical, and social environments.
4. For one-year awards applicants must
  - a. already have completed a draft of all (or much of the dissertation);
  - b. prepare a detailed one-year schedule for the completion of the remaining chapters and/or work to be done to complete the dissertation; and
  - c. complete their doctoral requirements by July 31, 2016.
5. For two-year awards applicants must
  - a. already have completed at least two chapters of their dissertation;
  - b. prepare a detailed two-year schedule for the completion of research, analyses, and the final write up of their dissertation; and
  - c. complete their doctoral requirements by July 31, 2017.
6. Open only to US Citizens and first-time UNM-Mellon Fellowship Program awardees. Previous Mellon-funded graduate fellows are ineligible.

**AWARD TERMS:** Please note that we expect candidates to meet the terms of either the one or two year awards for which they have applied. We expect to make up to 5 awards each year in FY 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

1. Each UNM-Mellon Dissertation Preparation Fellow will receive:
  - a. \$25,000 stipend to be paid out at the beginning of each semester;
  - b. Up to 6 dissertation hours per semester for duration of fellowship, not including summer terms;
  - c. Health Care coverage;
  - d. Up to \$1500 for professional development or research support during the award period.
2. Each UNM-Mellon Dissertation Fellow Chair will receive a stipend of \$3,000 as part of an agreement for the timely completion of dissertation.
3. Awardees and Dissertation Chairs agree to requirements of the fellowship (see below)
4. Caveats for termination or non-renewal of fellowship will be a case by case basis working in collaboration with Mellon Advisory Board, Fellow, and Dissertation Chair.

**FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** All Fellows must meet the following requirements

1. All applicants must be US citizens in order to meet criteria of eligibility.
2. Applicants selected for this award are expected not to engage in other work employment that would slow the completion of their dissertation. If you have questions about this, please check with one of the program directors.
3. Applicants selected should not hold dual appointments with other funding agencies for the duration of their UNM-Mellon fellowship
4. Commitment to honor the central goal of the UNM-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program upon acceptance of their award: to provide a select group of doctoral candidates in the last stages of their degree with forms of financial support so they may focus and dedicate full-time to working on their dissertations during the period of the award;
5. Submission of monthly, 1 page progress reports;
6. Attendance at one or more GRC Writing Camps each semester of their fellowship terms;
7. Participation in in GRC-Weekly Writing Support Group and other GRC workshops-- scheduled as part of our Fellows Calendar of Events, or deemed necessary for an individual fellow upon consultation with Dissertation Chair and Program Coordinator; and

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please complete the electronic application form that will be distributed to the participating departments and programs. This form includes

1. **APPLICATION COVER SHEET:** Complete the information requested on the cover sheet. Both applicant and Dissertation Chair must sign this page, which can be done electronically. This and the other materials for nomination may be submitted in hard copy or electronically as attachments.
2. **APPLICANT STATEMENT:** Brief description of no more than 300 words including personal history as it relates to field of study, and the relevance of the dissertation as it contributes to the humanistic social sciences on topics pertaining to Hispano and Native American communities
3. **DISSERTATION PROPOSAL ABSTRACT:** Brief description of no more than 300 words that addresses research questions, hypotheses, including how you expect to answer them and their general or theoretical significance.

4. **LIST OF DISSERTATION CHAPTERS:** Provide a brief synopsis of each chapter's contents and title.
5. **DISSERTATION COMPLETION PLAN:** A timeline of one or two years interval for the completion of the dissertation including tasks and outcomes to be performed or completed each month and meetings or other activities designed to accomplish tasks and outcomes, as well as the month progress reports.
6. **LETTERS OF REFERENCE:** Two letters of reference, one of which must be from the Dissertation Chair that address: the ability of applicant to complete the dissertation within the proposed time frame, the significance of the dissertation research, and relevance to the UNM-Mellon Program criteria.
7. **CURRENT CURRICULUM VITAE:** That lists among other things all honors and awards, all professional presentations and publications, previous funding, and any professional or community service.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The Mellon Fellowship Advisory Board will select fellows based on the eligibility criteria presented above, the information included in the application packet, and letters of reference. Previous accomplishments, promise of future scholarship and demonstrated commitment to Hispano, Native American or other underrepresented communities will be considered in selecting fellows. Applicants must indicate whether they are applying for a one-year or two-year fellowship. It is expected that the fellowship will be the student's primary source of support.

The Mellon Advisory Board is committed to increasing the numbers of doctorates among students who are Hispano, Native American or from other traditionally underrepresented or disadvantaged groups and at the same time welcomes applications from all doctoral students who meet the eligibility criteria listed above. To meet these goals the Board has developed a collaborative, multidisciplinary, integrative program structure that focuses on leadership, high academic standards, close involvement of the dissertation chair, and the creation of a cohort of UNM-Mellon Doctoral Fellows in social and humanistic studies at UNM.

**All application materials and letters of reference  
must be submitted by electronic mail addressed to:  
Dr. Adriana Ramírez de Arellano,  
UNM-Mellon Program Coordinator  
at: [ardap@comcast.net](mailto:ardap@comcast.net)**