

October 1, 2018

Dear Stanford Colleague,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of endorsement and assessment for your student for the Clayman Institute Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (GDF). Our Fellowship has been offered for over 20 of the Clayman Institute's 40+ years. I was a beneficiary of this program during my graduate student days here at Stanford, so I know first-hand how this program advances a graduate student's career.

Our fellowships, up to three per academic year, are awarded to outstanding Stanford doctoral students who are engaged in research on women and/or gender. The fellowships provide financial support for top gender scholars as they complete their dissertations, while encouraging interdisciplinary connections for their research.

Since its inception in 1994, our Fellowship has evolved into a full year of support, with stipend for two quarters of research fellowship, salary for one quarter of teaching assistantship (with the option to alternately teach an approved course), a research fund of \$1000, TGR fees and 50% of healthcare coverage for the academic year, Autumn through Spring quarters.

Students will participate in the intellectual life of the Institute, interacting with our postdoctoral fellows and all levels of staff and students while also contributing to the Institutes' writing and research pursuits. Participation in professional development workshops through our selective *graduate* Voice & Influence Program aims to empower the voices of graduate student scholars so that they have more influence at Stanford, within their disciplines and at their future institutions.

Your knowledge of your student applicant will help to ensure we select those students who will benefit the most from our Fellowship. We've outlined below details we have found useful to assess student qualifications for our Fellowship.

Advisor's Letter of Assessment and Endorsement

- Potential for a successful career as a faculty member at a college or university.
- Quality of the student's research as it relates to gender and/or women.
- Student's "time to degree" progress and likelihood of completing doctorate in spring or summer 2019.

Letters should be submitted using the online Graduate Dissertation Fellowship application link provided by your graduate student no later than February 7, 2019. The link and more information about the Clayman Institute Graduate Dissertation Fellowships can be found at <https://gender.stanford.edu/join-us/fellowships/graduate-dissertation-fellowships>.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley J. Correll', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shelley J. Correll
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