

October 1, 2020

Dear Stanford Colleague,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of endorsement 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.

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 \$2500, TGR fees and 50% of healthcare coverage, 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 Institute's writing and research pursuits. Participation in professional development workshops through our GDF Mentor Program aims to prepare our graduate students as they consider their future paths in academia or elsewhere and to empower their voices at Stanford, within their disciplines and beyond.

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 2021.

Letters will be submitted via Interfolio. An email will be sent to you from Interfolio after your SUnet email address is provided by your graduate student. Please submit letters no later

February 4, 2021. The link and more information about the Clayman Institute Graduate Dissertation Fellowship can be found at <https://gender.stanford.edu/fellowships/graduate-dissertation-fellowships>.

Our Fellowship Manager, Wendy Skidmore, may be reached at wskid@stanford.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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