

## Graduate Dissertation Fellowship Overview

The Clayman Institute's Graduate Dissertation Fellowships (GDF) 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.

Clayman GDFs have a shared office at the Clayman Institute, where they participate in the intellectual life of the Clayman Institute as well as take part in professional development workshops during the academic year. GDFs contribute to the writing and research efforts of the Clayman Institute.

Fellowship funding is for three quarters: two quarters of research assistantship and one quarter teaching assistantship.

We welcome applications for the Graduate Dissertation Fellowship from all currently enrolled Stanford Ph.D. candidates, in any discipline, who have reached Terminal Graduate Registration (TGR). One to three fellowships will be awarded for 2021-22.

### Expectations

- The dissertation research must focus on issues of women and/or gender.
- Applicants are expected to be Graduate Affiliates of the Clayman Institute.
- GDFs are required to submit a letter to the donor who made their fellowship possible (no more than one page) at the end of their fellowship.

### Funding Details

GDFs will receive a stipend of approximately \$35,000. The stipend amount will be finalized by August 30, 2021. In addition to the stipend, GDFs will receive \$2,500 in research funding. The fellowships include TGR fees and 50% of health coverage for the academic year (Autumn, Winter, Spring). The University covers the other 50% of health coverage costs for graduate student fellows.

*Applicants submitting for a Clayman fellowship, prize, and/or award may only be offered funding in one category; applications in more than one category are allowed.*

## Eligibility

1. Applicants must have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy.
2. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the Ph.D., other than the dissertation (and its defense in departments where the University Oral Examination is such a defense.) This includes handling any incompletes.
3. Applicants must have a formally composed dissertation committee.
4. Applicants must have a dissertation proposal approved by their committee.
5. Applicants must have a strong likelihood of completing the degree within the tenure of the fellowship.
6. Applicants must have reached TGR status by the beginning of Autumn Quarter, 2021.
7. Applicants must have completed supervised teaching, if required by their department, before the tenure of the fellowship.

## Requirements

- No other employment, assistantship, or fellowship (unless specifically intended for travel or research expense) may be held concurrently. Exceptions to this restriction must be approved by the Clayman Institute.
- GDFs must be in residence at the Clayman Institute during the fellowship year.
- GDFs are required to submit a brief report (no more than one page) at the end of their fellowship.

## Application Instructions

The Clayman Graduate Dissertation Fellowship is an online application. The application consists of the following materials:

1. Curriculum vitae of no more than 2 pages
2. A 4-5 page statement (single-spaced, including all notes and references). The statement should address the following:
  - Summary of dissertation research, including its contribution to your field
  - How your current work is related to issues of women and/or gender
  - Description of how your research crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries
  - Overview of how you see your time spent as an Institute GDF, if selected
  - Description of your future career aspirations
  - Discussion of how the fellowship could benefit you overall, and how you will contribute to the Institute
3. Timetable for completion of degree
4. A current transcript from Axess
5. Two letters of recommendation from Stanford faculty evaluating the quality of the research project and its successful and timely completion. One must be from the principal

dissertation advisor. Confidential letters of recommendation are submitted via Interfolio. Applicants will enter email addresses of letter writers into Interfolio, which will then send a direct request for the letters to be uploaded by faculty.

Applicants will be asked to confirm they have successfully defended their dissertation proposal by date of application.

Please direct any questions regarding the Clayman Institute Graduate Dissertation Fellowship process to [Wendy Skidmore](#), Fellowship Manager.

### **Selection of Fellows**

An internal selection committee will review and rank the applications on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Significance of the women and/or gender focus of the dissertation research
2. Quality of the dissertation proposal
3. Applicant's timely progress toward the degree
4. Likelihood of completing the degree within the tenure of the fellowship
5. Potential for a successful career as a faculty member at a college or university.

Candidates will be notified of their status for the fellowship starting in April 2020 but no later than mid-May.

**All materials should be submitted by the application deadline of:**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021, 11:59 PM EST (8:59 PM PST)**

Please review the eligibility requirements for this fellowship on our [website](#).

Stanford University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty. It welcomes nominations of and applications from women, members of minority groups, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities, as well as from others who would bring additional dimensions to the university's research, teaching and clinical missions.