



**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL – DISSERTATION WRITE-UP FELLOWSHIPS 2008  
ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

**Application Submission Deadline—November 13, 2007 9:00 PM EST**

**DISSERTATION WRITE-UP FELLOWSHIPS**—these awards of **\$22,000** provide support for the 2008-2009 academic year to graduate students near the completion of their doctoral programs in the social sciences and related humanities. These awards are designed to allow advanced graduate students concentrated time to devote to the intellectual development of their projects and to write up the results of their research. These fellowships are intended for applicants who have completed all formal components of their dissertation field research or data collection, and who have made significant progress in outlining emergent, innovative contributions to scholarship.

**PURPOSE**

SSRC Eurasia Program Title VIII fellowships support advanced training, research, and writing on or related to any of the New States of Eurasia, the Soviet Union, and/or the Russian Empire for scholars and doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences. Research related to the non-Russian states, regions and peoples is particularly encouraged.

Regions and countries currently supported by the program include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Funding is presently not available for research solely on the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania).

All applicants should describe the importance and/or need of these fellowships for their own training and research. **In addition, applicants, regardless of their discipline or the historical time period under investigation, are expected to justify their training and/or research needs in relation to contemporary issues.**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States as of the application submission deadline.
- Applicants must have obtained ABD status (must have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. degree except for the dissertation) by the application submission deadline.
- Proposals and research must pertain to one or more of the regions and countries currently supported by the program (as outlined above). We will consider comparative projects if one or more of the countries/regions under consideration are supported by the program and our Selection and Oversight Committee determines that the project contributes to the field of Eurasian Studies.

## CONDITIONS OF AWARDS

- As a condition of these awards, the student's home institution is expected to make a direct contribution to the costs of the recipient's education of not less than ten percent (10%) of the award. This contribution is non-negotiable and may be in-kind and come in the form of a tuition waiver or reduction of fees, etc. If the costs of the recipient's education throughout the duration of the fellowship are greater than 10% of the award, the home institution is strongly encouraged to make an additional contribution equal to the remainder of the student's full tuition. Refer to the *Institutional Support Form* for additional information. This condition may be waived in exceptional circumstances; all questions should be addressed to the Eurasia Program staff directly.
- Dissertation Write-up fellows may not teach or undertake any employment during the fellowship tenure, except with the Program's written authorization.

**The Eurasia Program reserves the right to adjust or withdraw award funds if a fellow receives additional funding from other sources.**

## SPONSORSHIP

These fellowships are administered by the SSRC as part of the Eurasia Program. Funds for the fellowships are provided to the Council through a grant from the United States Department of State under the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII). All fellowship awards are contingent upon the receipt of funding from the US Department of State.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

All SSRC Eurasia Program Fellowship applications are reviewed by an interdisciplinary panel that rewards clarity of argument, purpose, theory and method, written in a style accessible to readers both inside and outside the applicant's discipline. All proposals are expected to meet high levels of academic merit and to address the current needs of the field of Eurasian studies. **Additionally, regardless of discipline or the historical period under examination, each applicant is expected to clearly express the relevance of his/her training and research to the contemporary world.**

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If you have any questions about the award guidelines or eligibility criteria, or any other information contained in this document, please contact the Eurasia Program staff directly – [eurasia@ssrc.org](mailto:eurasia@ssrc.org).