

AAA Minority Dissertation Fellowship - Application



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Applicant Name: _____

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(eight digits)

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Doctoral Institution:-

Academic Department: _____

Dissertation Research Title: _____

Dissertation Committee Chairperson: _____

Please describe your ethnicity: _____

Applicant's Address: _____
Street

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Please send completed application package
(Materials and Instructions on reverse side) to:

**American Anthropological Association
Minority Dissertation Fellowship Program
2200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22201-3357**

APPLICATION MATERIALS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be received by **February 15th**.

1. Applicants must use the application cover form (see reverse side). A clear photocopy of the form is also acceptable. The application must be typed (may be single-spaced) and consist of the following materials:
 - A. **Application cover form**;
 - B. **Cover letter** describing the applicant's research interests and experience, as well as career plans, and outlining how the proposed research addresses issues of concern to anthropology at large and to a culturally diverse agenda (**2 pages max**);
 - C. **Research plan** summarizing the dissertation research completed, including an explanation of research design and other important aspects of the project. The summary should not include a separate list of references (although citations within the text are appropriate) (**2 pages max, including any figures or tables**);
 - D. **Curriculum vitae** including scientific publications and presentations. The curriculum vitae may contain only highlights and may not be a complete version (**2 pages max**);
 - E. **Statement regarding employment** attesting to the applicant's ability and commitment to complete the writing of the dissertation during the fellowship period (**1 page max**);
 - F. **Disclosure statement** providing information about other sources of available and pending financial support (**1 page max**);
 - G. **Three (3) letters of recommendation** from the dissertation advisor or committee chair and 2 other professors familiar with applicant's work. (one and one-half page max each) *Note: Please communicate the importance of adhering to this page limit. Do not submit more than three letters of recommendation, since only three will be forwarded for review.* The envelope must be sealed and signed, on the flap, by the referring party;
 - H. **Bibliography** of references and citations used in the dissertation;
 - I. **Official transcript** from doctoral institution
2. Please DO NOT STAPLE materials. *Applicants should keep a complete copy of the submitted materials.*
3. Applicant's official transcript must be received in AAA's office by **February 15th** for consideration with the other submitted materials.

Please Note: Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Award

Decisions will be based upon the quality of the submitted information and the likelihood that the recipient will have a good chance at completing the dissertation. The AAA Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology will serve as the selection panel. The award recipient will be notified by telephone and mail as soon as the decision is made, no later than the 1st week of July. The award will be also be announced in the October or November *Anthropology News*.

After completion of the dissertation, by June 15th, the award recipient must submit a 1-page report specifying the status of the degree and the dissertation's defense, along with a copy of the dissertation abstract, to the Executive Director of the AAA. The dissertation committee chair or head of the department should cosign this report. Highlights of this report may be published in *AN*.

Payment of Award

Fellowship funds will be paid directly to the awardee (rather than the institution) in two equal installments: one by September 30th and the second by January 10th. Award will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Terry-Sharp, Director of Academic Relations at 703/528-1902 or academic@aaanet.org.