

Information and Instructions

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Austin Branch Fellowships
for Doctoral Candidates
The University of Texas at Austin 2019-2020 Academic Year

The Fellowships

AAUW Austin Branch will award 1-3 fellowships this year, each in the amount of at least \$2,000, to doctoral candidates. This award has been established to assist individuals who require financial aid to complete their doctoral program. A prerequisite for consideration for the Fellowship is doctoral committee approval of the dissertation proposal. The Fellowship Selection Committee expects that announcement of the awards will be made on or about **April 18, 2019**.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Individuals who have been formally **admitted to doctoral candidacy** at the University of Texas at Austin and whose cumulative graduate school **grade point average is 3.5 or better are eligible**, but preference is given to women. All fields of study are eligible. Both USA citizens and non-citizens are eligible. Selection will be based on need, academic record, submitted reference letters, and the applicant's statement.

Application and Selection Procedure

1. Download the fill-able application form (PDF file) from:

<http://austin-tx.aauw.net/special-projects/fellowships/>

2. Complete the fillable application, supplying all of the required information, and save for uploading in the next step.
3. Login in the Graduate School Awards System at: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/ogs/awards/candidate/student_app_profile.WBX . Select the AAUW Fellowship app. Be prepared to upload your **completed pdf application file**, a **project description**, and to enter the **contact information** (name and email addresses) for your **three** (3) references. The Awards System will contact your references asking them to upload their support letters, but you should contact them to **alert them to submit their letters on or before the application deadline**.
4. Your complete application and all three letters of reference **must** be received no later than **5:00 PM CST on Monday, March 25, 2019**.
5. Emails will be sent to all applicants announcing the awards.
6. All portfolios become the property of AAUW Austin Branch.
7. Funds will be available shortly after enrollment verification in the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters.

Responsibilities of Fellowship Recipients Notify the Fellowship Selection Committee Chair of your acceptance, immediately and in writing. Use of email for this purpose is encouraged.

1. Attend the AAUW Austin Branch meeting on Saturday, **May 11, 2019**, as the guest of the Branch, if at all possible.
2. Submit a brief written report to the Selection Committee Chair no later than June 1, 2020, on your use of the fellowship.

Application Tips and Hints

Your application form, project description and all three letters of reference *must* be uploaded into the Graduate School Award System no later than 5:00 PM CST on Monday, March 25, 2019. **You are strongly encouraged to follow-up with the faculty members who are writing reference letters on your behalf, to ensure that all letters are received or before the deadline. The Selection Committee is unable to consider incomplete portfolios.**

The **project description** should summarize in 750 words or less the title of your dissertation, the status and a description of your doctoral work, anticipated completion date of your doctoral degree, and include comments on your future professional objectives, your need for financial assistance, and a list your three greatest achievements. Do not include transcripts, your CV or research paper abstracts.

You must be admitted to doctoral candidacy by the time you submit your application. The Graduate School Office will verify candidacy before forwarding application materials for consideration. The Selection Committee is unable to consider applicants whose status as doctoral candidates, as of the deadline date, is not verified by the Graduate School Office.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Fellowship Selection Committee Chair, Jean Bessent via Email at Jeanbessent@gmail.com

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Information on Related Fellowships

The following is provided for information only. AAUW Austin Branch does not administer or participate in selection of recipients for any of the following fellowships.

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Each year AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants, and awards to outstanding women. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls and education. Competition for these awards is nationwide, but quite a few women at the University of Texas at Austin have competed successfully. Eligibility details and application forms are available on the national AAUW web site.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/>

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) also offers fellowships to support women pursuing advanced degrees. Many of these fellowships are restricted to certain fields of study and/or to citizens of particular countries other than the USA. More information is available from the IFUW web site: <http://www.ifuw.org>