Grant Title: DPDF STUDENT FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Social Science Research Council (SSRC).

Area of Research: Help early-stage graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate effective doctoral dissertation proposals.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Annually in January/February. The next deadline is February 1, 2012.

Amount: Students may apply for up to $5,000 to cover summer research costs.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: The DPDF program is open to doctoral students in social science or humanities disciplines who have completed their major course requirements and are beginning to design research proposals. Students who have completed their comprehensive, general, or qualifying exams are eligible to apply as long as their dissertation proposals will be formally approved by their department after the fall DPDF workshop. Typically such students will be second and third year graduate students, but first and fourth year students may, under exceptional circumstances, be eligible. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a Ph.D. program within an accredited university in the United States, unless indicated otherwise for a particular field.

Summary: The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) is organized to help early-stage graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate effective doctoral dissertation proposals. Each year, the program offers training within different interdisciplinary fields of study under the leadership of pairs of tenured senior faculty, who define the fields and serve as research directors for groups of 12 graduate students. The students participate in two workshops: one in the spring, to prepare students to undertake summer research that will inform the design of their dissertation research; the other in the fall, to help students apply their summer research experiences to writing dissertation and funding proposals. Working together, research directors and graduate students design research that will help to shape evolving fields in the humanities and social science.

Detailed Information: http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dpdf-fellowship/