Grant Title: MELLON/ACLS RECENT DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIPS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Area of Research: Support for doctorate scholars to advance their research.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: Stipend: $30,000, 25 fellowships.

Length of Support: One year.

Eligible Applicants: (a) Applicants for this program must be scholars who (for 2008-2009) have been: 1. awarded Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships, or 2. designated Alternates in the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship program, or 3. awarded dissertation completion fellowships in another competitive program of national stature; (b) applicants must be in the final year of dissertation completion at the time of application. Those who have completed the dissertation are not eligible; (c) applicants for this program must be Ph.D. candidates in a humanities or social science department in the United States. Applicants from other departments may be eligible if their project is in the humanities or related social sciences, and their principal dissertation advisor holds an appointment in a humanities or related social science field. (Students completing master's degrees are not eligible, even if they are the terminal degree in the field.); (d) all requirements for the Ph.D., including the dissertation, must be completed according to the time table set out in the applicant's proposal; (e) awardees may hold this Fellowship only after completing their doctoral degree.

Agency/Department: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Summary: This is the second stage of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program, which provides support for young scholars. The first part of this program—the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships—makes possible a year of supported research and writing, to help students complete their dissertation. The second part of the program provides support for a year following the completion of the doctorate for scholars to advance their research. A grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports this program. Mellon/ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipients Fellowships are to assist young scholars in the humanities and related social sciences in the first or second year following completion of the Ph.D. This program aims to assist recent doctoral recipients to position themselves for further scholarly advancement and is available to young scholars whether or not they hold academic positions. ACLS will award 25 Fellowships in this competition for a one-year term beginning between June and September 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year, or between June and September 2010 for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Fellowships are portable: research may be carried out in residence at the Fellow’s home institution or at another appropriate site. Unlike a typical postdoctoral fellowship in the humanities, where teaching is usually part of a fellow’s responsibilities, the Mellon/ACLS awards are designed for research and writing; accordingly, Fellows may not teach during the tenure of the Fellowship. The Mellon/ACLS Recipient Fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other major fellowship or grant. Awardees may take up the Fellowship during the two years following the date of the award. Those awardees with faculty positions may use their Fellowship to take research leave; those without a full-time position may choose to affiliate with a humanities research center or conduct research independently.