



**Deadline for Consideration for <<semester year>> Awards  
<<Day, Month Date, year>>**

**The Walbolt and Martin-Vegue Dissertation Fellowships**

The Department of History is pleased to announce its call for applications for the Walbolt Dissertation Fellowship and Martin-Vegue Fellowship for <<semester year>>. There is only one application for the two awards.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be current FSU students in the Department who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus prior to the application deadline. Recipients are required to use the fellowships for one of two primary purposes 1) to conduct major doctoral research in archives/specialized libraries/etc. or 2) to complete the writing of the dissertation. In making its decisions, the Department will prioritize supporting research-oriented proposals with the Walbolt and writing-oriented proposals with the Martin-Vegue. However, both fellowships can be used for either activity and the two most competitive applications will be awarded the fellowships.

**Procedure:**

Applications consist of a three-to-five-page double-spaced narrative describing the project and its importance (please see Guidelines for Fellowship Review), a one-page bibliography of secondary sources, a c.v., and two letters of recommendation. No cover letters should be submitted.

The Dissertation Fellowship must be the recipient's primary funding source during the semester in which it is held. Fellows are expected to present their work to the department at the end of their funded semester or the following semester. Fellows are also expected to acknowledge their award in any publication arising from this research and provide a copy to the department chair.

Questions about the program can be directed to members of the Graduate Dissertation Fellowship Committee: <<>>, <<>>, and <<>>

**Submit:** Please submit completed applications to <<name>> as one electronic pdf or doc file of all materials except the letters of recommendation, which the applicant should arrange to be submitted by email separately.

**Deadline:** <<time>> on <<day>>

## Guidelines for Graduate Fellowship Reviews

In a three-to-five-page, 12pt font, double-spaced narrative provide an intellectual justification for your project, addressing the four areas listed below. A simple statement of need or intent is insufficient. The narrative should not assume specialized knowledge and should be free of technical terms and jargon.

### *Proposal in General*

Succinctly state the primary goals, objectives, and tasks; succinctly state the intellectual significance of the project.

### *Research and Contribution*

Describe the intellectual significance of the project; Provide an overview of the project, explaining the basic ideas, problems, or questions examined by the study; Explain how the project will complement, challenge, or expand relevant studies in the field.

### *Methods and Work Plan*

Describe the methods to be used; Indicate the current state of the project and the part or stage of it that will be supported by the fellowship; Provide a work plan describing what will be accomplished during the award period, where the scholar will be, and how they will spend their time; Explain how the proposed research will advance the project; Describe where the study will be conducted and what research materials will be used; if relevant, specify the level of competence in any language or digital technology needed for the study; if relevant, specify the arrangements for access to the archives, collections, or institutions that contain the necessary resources.

### *Final Product and Dissemination*

Describe the intended audience and the intended results of the project

### *Applications will be judged using the following scale:*

E for Excellent  
VG for Very Good  
G for Good  
SM for Some Merit  
NC for Not Competitive

### *FYIs:*

- Phrases to avoid: "This study fills a gap"; "This study provides a fascinating . . ."
- Do not put page numbers on your application
- Do not put headers for sections on your application to demarcate the different sections