



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
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**Indiana University Credit Union Dissertation Fellowship**

**Purpose:** The Indiana University Credit Union Dissertation Fellowship was established by a generous donation from the Indiana University Credit Union and the University Graduate School to support an advance doctoral student in her or his final year. The purpose of the fellowships is to provide financial assistance that will allow the doctoral candidate to complete their dissertation expeditiously by reducing the burden to seek additional employment.

**Eligibility Criteria:** The student must be an advanced full-time doctoral candidate who has achieved candidacy, in the dissertation phase of his or her career, be in good academic standing, and demonstrate financial need. Recipients of the award must be a member of the IU Credit Union.

**Nomination Process:**

The student, either by their own initiative or by the department's request, will submit an application online:

1. The student submits their application online through OneStart >> Services >> Student Self-Service >> Services & Information >> Financial >> "Bloomington Graduate Fellowship Application"
  - a. They will be required to attach their abstract, and recommendation letters.
2. The Fellowships Coordinator will email the student's application and required materials to their department after all materials have been received.
3. All nominations must be submitted to our office by email to the Fellowships Coordinator: Yvonne Dwigans, ylivings@indiana.edu, in one pdf document and must consist of the following:
  - a. Letter of nomination from the Director of Graduate Studies or Department Chairperson;
  - b. Any additional information the department may want to include
4. If more than one application is submitted by a department, submit a separate pdf for each student and include the ranking for the students in the email.

**Award Value:** This is a single-year award valued at **\$20,000**, in addition to student health insurance.

**Note:** The award must be used for the year it is awarded. A recipient cannot place this award into a "reserve status" because of receiving another award.

\*Letters of recommendation must appear on department letterhead and bear the signature of the recommender. Scanned versions of paper recommendation letters are acceptable. Electronic recommendation letters bearing electronic signatures are also accepted. Unsigned recommendations will not be accepted thus eliminating a student's application for consideration.

**Deadlines:**

All student materials must be submitted electronically through the Graduate School Fellowship Application System located in the Student Self-Service section in OneStart.

Student Deadline: Students need to have all materials submitted online by **Friday, March 02, 2012**.

Department Deadline: All materials need to be submitted to The University Graduate School by **Friday, March 16, 2012**.

**Evaluation:** The primary criteria for evaluation of nominees include academic excellence, evidence of department support and mentorship, and the likelihood that receipt of the fellowship will facilitate completion of the degree within one academic year.



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**Indiana University Credit Union Dissertation Fellowship Questionnaire**

1. What date do you anticipate completing your degree?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How will you use the dissertation fellowship funds?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Describe any current or anticipated employment for the coming year.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Are you supporting any dependents?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How much do you owe in debt to all sources?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Will you be receiving money from other sources?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How will receiving the fellowship impact you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Are you receiving financial assistance from IU?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What other sources of support are available to you from your academic department?