Purpose: Graduate Dissertation Completion Fellowships provide Ph.D. candidates who are nearing completion of their dissertations the support that will allow them to spend their final semester writing. The duration of the award is one semester.

Eligibility: Currently enrolled Ph.D. students at Northeastern who have completed all course requirements including comprehensive exams and dissertation proposal defense, if required, and are nearing completion of their dissertations. These fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis. Each student must provide the following application materials:

1. Letter of application for the fellowship including information about past and current funding from NU or external sources
2. Description of the current state of the dissertation along with a detailed timetable for completion
3. Copy of an approved dissertation prospectus (if required) and evidence that a substantial amount of the writing has been completed at least in draft form
4. Letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor that should describe the importance of the work and indicate when it is anticipated that the dissertation will be completed (the letter must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and signed by the recommender)
5. Expected date of dissertation defense
6. Curriculum vitae
7. Documents (other than the dissertation advisor letter) must be submitted in electronic form (PDF or Word) at https://provostweb.wufoo.com/forms/dissertation-completion-fellowship-fall-2012/. The form will be accessible starting March 9th.

The Office of the Provost and a subcommittee of faculty members will review applications according to the overall strength of the materials submitted and with regard to the likelihood of timely completion of a quality dissertation. Application packages that are not complete or that are late will not be considered and it is the applicant’s responsibility to provide all required materials.

Award: The stipend for one semester will be the larger of either $8,000 or ½ the current academic year stipend rate for the department where the student’s primary affiliation resides. In addition, both the student’s registration fee and health fees will be covered by the award. The award must be used during the semester for which it is awarded and may not be deferred. Students are expected to complete their dissertations during the period of the award and may not hold any employment, internal or external, or awards during that term including outside fellowships, research assistant appointments, or teaching assistant appointments. PhD students that are holders of the University Excellence Fellowship are eligible for this award.

Up to three awards are available for fall 2012. The application deadline for fall 2012 awards is April 6, 2012 at 5:00pm.

Please address all advisor letters to: Senior Vice-Provost for Research and Graduate Education, 110 Churchill Hall.