

Application Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2026

The Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS) invites University of Oregon graduate students who are ABD (or will be ABD by the beginning of the grant period) to submit proposals for the **2026-27 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship**. This highly competitive award supports the completion of PhD dissertations from a range of disciplines on topics that align with the Center's mission to fund research, scholarship, and creative work that addresses the complexities of women's lives and the complicated nature of gender identities and inequalities.

In addition, all applicants for the Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship will automatically be considered for a **2026-27 CSWS Graduate Writing Fellowship**. The intent of the fellowship is to provide a summer writing award of \$3,000 to one or more top finalists for the Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship.

The 2026-27 Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship and Graduate Writing Fellowship funds are for use from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Both awards are subject to the following conditions set by CSWS.

PART I: OVERVIEW OF AWARDS

A. ELIGIBILITY

Currently-registered University of Oregon graduate students who are ABD (or will be ABD by the beginning of the grant period) are eligible for the Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship and Graduate Writing Fellowship. These fellowships are not restricted by citizenship, ethnicity, race, or national origin. Graduate students currently employed by CSWS are NOT eligible to apply.

All applicants for the Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship will automatically be considered for the Graduate Writing Fellowship; no separate application is necessary.

B. JANE GRANT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD CONDITIONS

1. Funded Amount: \$24,000 (\$8,000 per term).

CSWS also provides a stipend to cover **mandatory student fees and student health insurance**. The health care stipend covers the cost of the UO Health Center's [Student Health Insurance Plans](#) for domestic and international students. Please note that you must be residing in the US during the grant period to receive the health care stipend (we cannot provide coverage for international residency). Please inform CSWS upon acceptance of the award if you will be residing outside of the US for any portion of the fellowship. It is the recipient's responsibility to enroll in a Student Health Insurance Plan and to pay premiums through their DuckWeb account. The fellowship stipend does not cover insurance fees for dependents.



In addition, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation will provide the recipient with tuition remission for the 2026-27 academic year. **To receive tuition remission, the recipient must register for 16 dissertation writing credits each term (Fall, Winter, Spring) through their home departments.**

2. **Disbursal of Funds:** CSWS Dissertation Fellowship funds will be disbursed in three installments to the recipient's DuckWeb account during the fellowship year. Please allow 7 to 10 business days from the start of each term (September, January, and April) for funds to post to your student account.
3. **IRB Approval:** If the proposed research involves human subjects, funds will be disbursed after IRB approval is obtained. The recipient is responsible for obtaining approval from the UO Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects/Institutional Review Board. Contact the Office for Responsible Conduct of Research, Suite 105, Riverfront Research Park, 1600 Millrace Dr., or call (541) 346-2610. No funds will be transferred until the award recipient has received approval and the IRB letter has been submitted to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.
4. **Note for Graduate Students with Financial Aid:** Receiving this fellowship may reduce your financial aid award. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid prior to applying for this support for information.

C. USE OF FUNDS

1. **Living and Research Expenses:** Grant award funds may be used for living expenses, reimbursable research expenses, or a combination of both living expenses and reimbursable research expenses.
2. **Technical and Other Research Expenses:** These include, but are not limited to, materials for the production of creative work; data collection, transcription, and analysis costs; photocopying; books and journals; travel; and video and audio recordings/DVDs.

D. AWARD OBLIGATIONS

1. **Submit a Grant Report:** Submit a [one-page final report](#) of no more than 250 words about your research progress and outcomes at the end of the grant year. This report is due to CSWS by September 30 (three months from the end of the grant period). **Failure to submit final reports will result in ineligibility for future CSWS grants.** (Note: Writing an article for the *Annual Review* does not fulfill this obligation, though your report may be adapted from an article.)
2. **Share Your Project:** You may be asked to do this by giving a presentation at CSWS, attending a Grant Fellows Luncheon, presenting your research in another format,

and/or contributing to CSWS research publications (such as Research Matters or the CSWS Annual Review) at some point within a three-year period.

3. **Documenting Your Project:** CSWS would like to document your project development for our communication channels (website, social media, publications, etc.). During your award year, we may invite you to share your work through interviews with CSWS staff to share on our channels. We may also ask to archive and share the results of your project, especially those that are multimodal in form. Archiving helps CSWS to document and outcomes and impacts of funded projects.
4. **Acknowledge CSWS and Follow-up:** Tracking the outcomes and impacts of CSWS funded research is very important to our mission. During and after your award year, [notify CSWS](#) about any conference presentations; academic, popular, or creative publications in any format; additional project grants and job opportunities; and any other outcomes that result from CSWS funded research. In addition, acknowledge CSWS support in all presentations, publications, and promotional materials—including web publications and web sites, videos, and/or creative work—resulting from this grant. Grant reporting forms: <https://csws.uoregon.edu/forms>

E. GRADUATE WRITING FELLOWSHIP AWARD CONDITIONS

1. **Funded Amount:** \$3,000.
2. **Disbursal of Funds:** The CSWS Graduate Writing Fellowship funds will be available four to six weeks after the Center's fiscal year begins (July 1). The earliest recipients can receive award funds is August 1. All funds will be disbursed to the recipient's DuckWeb account. Please allow 7 to 10 business days for funds to post to your student account.
3. **IRB Approval:** If the proposed research involves human subjects, funds will be disbursed after IRB approval is obtained. The recipient is responsible for obtaining approval from the UO Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects/Institutional Review Board. Contact the Office for Responsible Conduct of Research, Suite 105, Riverfront Research Park, 1600 Millrace Dr., or call (541) 346-2610. No funds will be transferred until the award recipient has received approval and the IRB letter has been submitted to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.
4. **Note for Graduate Students with Financial Aid:** Receiving this award may reduce your financial aid award. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid prior to applying for this support for information.
5. **Use of Funds:** Please refer to Part C above.
6. **Post-award Obligations:** Please refer to Part D above.

PART II: FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

A complete fellowship application consists of the following components: an online application form, all required sections of the proposal narrative, an unofficial UO transcript, and two letters of support. Failure to follow these application directions in full may result in disqualification.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Complete the online Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship [Applicant Information Form](#). In addition, combine all components of the Proposal Narrative below, including the unofficial transcript, into a single PDF file and submit it with the Applicant Information Form. Be sure all aspects of the form are accurate and complete before submitting. The form cannot be amended once submitted.

B. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please use **business format** for the proposal narrative (i.e., single space paragraphs, double space between paragraphs, no paragraph indentations, include section headings) and put your name and contact information at the top of the first page. Combine all components of the proposal narrative, including your unofficial transcript, into a single PDF file.

Your proposal narrative must include the following components:

1. **Abstract:** Should be no more than 250 words for a non-specialist audience, stating clearly why the project is important, and what difference the results of the project will make. The statement should explain the importance of the proposed research to larger issues or themes on women and gender.
2. **Proposal Narrative:** The proposal narrative must not exceed 1,200 words and should be organized as described below:
 - a. **Conception and Definition:** Describe the specific research and/or creative project planned for the grant period, explaining basic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored.
 - b. **Significance:** Briefly sketch the background of the project, evaluate existing knowledge, and identify gaps that your research or creative work is intended to fill. State concisely the significance of the proposed work to research on women and gender and how the work contributes to the mission of CSWS, particularly in

terms of the relationship between gender and other aspects of identity (race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, ability, et. al.). While our page limitation prevents a full review of the literature, a succinct discussion of the most recent and highly relevant literature will help reviewers better evaluate your proposal.

- c. **Work Plan, Methods, and Approach:** Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their theoretical, methodological, and interdisciplinary strengths. Clearly explain how the research processes and/or methods identified in the proposal will elucidate the ideas, problems, or questions posed in the project for a non-specialist audience. Proposals that gather primary data or use secondary data from human subjects should define the sample and procedures to be used and discuss data collection and analysis issues appropriate to the methodology or methodologies to be employed. Proposals that gather data from non-human subjects, including documentary or archival sources, should discuss relevant sampling and data collection issues and analytical and interpretive approaches to be employed. Proposals that are primarily theoretical, textual, or that involve the production of art, music, performance, video, or other creative material should discuss the relevant scholarly or aesthetic processes that ensure the quality of the proposed project. We strongly encourage interdisciplinary research that takes into account various methodologies and approaches (archival, ethnographic, quantitative, etc.). If the project is interdisciplinary, the proposal should discuss the relevance of interdisciplinarity to your project.
 - d. **Timeline of Project:** Identify work you propose to complete for the award year and major deadlines for accomplishing that work.
3. **Bibliography:** Include with your proposal narrative a two-page project bibliography in a standard documentation style (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.).
 4. **Current Vita:** Include with your proposal narrative a two-page abbreviated vita, including education, recent employment, publications, presentations, and relevant awards and honors.
 5. **Current UO Transcript:** Download an unofficial copy of your transcript from DuckWeb to include with your proposal narrative.

C. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. **Deadline:** Support letters must be submitted by faculty members via email attachment to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu before 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026.
2. **Letter Types:** CSWS requires two types of letters in support of the fellowship application. Please note: it is the applicant's responsibility to a) ask the appropriate faculty members for support letters; b) provide your proposal to the faculty members

for review in a timely fashion; and c) ensure that the faculty members have submitted their letter of recommendation by the deadline.

- a. **Letter 1:** A detailed support letter from your dissertation advisor that includes the following information:
 - i. Date dissertation proposal was/will be approved.
 - ii. Ability to achieve research objectives.
 - iii. Anticipated contribution to research in discipline.
- b. **Letter 2:** A brief support letter by the department head that indicates approval of your application for funding outside of the department's GE/TA appointments. Note: If your department head is also your dissertation advisor, only one letter of support is needed indicating both support for the project and approval by the department.

If you have questions regarding application procedures or problems with submission, please contact CSWS at 541.346.5015 or cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.

PART III: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. REVIEW PROCESS

Fellowship award decisions are made by a CSWS review committee made up of faculty members from different disciplines. Decisions are based on the quality of the application, the degree to which the project supports the mission and interests of CSWS, and the applicants' experience and qualifications. Recommendations for funding are forwarded to the director of CSWS who will make final decisions based on budgetary considerations.

All applications must be completed and received—including all letters of recommendation—no later than 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Please note that late applications will NOT be accepted. Notification of award is made within three months of the application deadline.

B. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use **business format** for the proposal narrative (i.e., single space paragraphs, double space between paragraphs, no paragraph indentations, include section headings) and put your name and contact information at the top of the first page.

Please be sure to keep in mind the following:

- Do not go over maximum word counts.
- Use language that is clear to readers outside of your discipline.
- Once submitted, you will not have the chance to edit this application.

Before completing the online Applicant Information Form, be sure all components of the proposal narrative are formatted properly and combined, in the order listed below, into a single PDF:

- ☐ Abstract (250 words maximum)
- ☐ Proposal narrative (1,200 words maximum) with the following subheadings:
 - ☐ Conception and definition
 - ☐ Significance of project
 - ☐ Work plan, methods, and approach
 - ☐ Timeline for project completion
- ☐ Project bibliography (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Current abbreviated vita (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Current unofficial UO transcript (from DuckWeb)

Other Application Materials:

- ☐ IRB approval letter (if applicable) sent to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu
- ☐ Support letters sent to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu

Form URL: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/efd297d75328431aac7ed01582f2488a>