

The Noel Dissertation Fellowship
Department of Economics
Vanderbilt University

The Noel Dissertation Fellowship provides dissertation research support to one student for one semester of the academic year. The Fellowship will provide support equivalent to one semester's full TA support as determined by the College. The recipient is free from any TA responsibilities during the term of the Fellowship.

Who may apply? Students in the Ph.D. program for less than eight semesters who have passed their dissertation proposal defense by the time of the application are eligible. Students may receive this award no more than once during their career at Vanderbilt.

Application due date and location: February 27, 2009. Provide three copies of a summary of the dissertation work (described below) and a letter of support from the applicant's dissertation advisor to Ms. Kathleen Finn (Calhoun 415).

Submission details: The dissertation summary should not exceed two pages in length (typed double-spaced, no less than 11-point, margins of at least 3/4 inch). It should describe the dissertation research concisely and with a minimum of field-specific jargon. The first page of the summary should start with the dissertation title, the applicant's name, and the advisor's name. The student should be sure to mention when the proposal was defended and who is on the committee. Note that if the applicant plans to defend the dissertation proposal prior to the deadline (but has not yet), he/she must schedule their defense at least three weeks in advance of the deadline, according to the rules outlined in the Ph.D. program requirements. Acceptable defense dates are up to and including February 28th.

Grant requirements: The recipient must submit three copies of a brief (no more than one page) report of the progress made towards the completion of the dissertation during the term of the Fellowship, within one month of the end of the term of the Fellowship. This should be provided to Kathleen Finn (Calhoun 415). An electronic version of the document should also be sent to Kathleen (kathleen.m.finn.2@vanderbilt.edu).

Proposal evaluation procedure: The Committee of Graduate Studies will review all applications and attempt to notify the recipient before the end of April 2009.