

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
KENNETH P. DIETRICH SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**2019-2020 APPLICATION
WHITTINGTON DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP**

Whittington Dissertation Fellowships are awarded to women Ph.D. students in disciplines where women have traditionally been underrepresented in Dietrich School programs, who are of exceptional ability and promise, and who in AY2019–20 will be completing their doctoral dissertation. The Fellowship models the importance of orienting students towards diverse, high-impact careers within and beyond the academy and of providing multi-layered mentoring as well as professional development and leadership opportunities for early career scholars.

Three recipients will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement throughout their graduate career, their potential to design and host professional development events for women in disciplines where they have been underrepresented; and the Fellowship's potential to help advance the applicants' career over the short and medium terms.

The stipend for the 2019-2020 academic year will be approximately **\$28,500.00**. A tuition scholarship will also be awarded for the duration of the Fellowship. Recipients will in addition have access to an account of up to **\$1,500 per Fellow** to reimburse expenses for attendance at:

- (1) professional conferences at which the Fellow presents papers; and/or
- (2) extra-mural, un-funded professional development opportunities.

The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will work with the leadership of Fellows' graduate programs and other stakeholders to connect Fellows with:

- (1) professional development opportunities;
- (2) scientists and researchers at various career stages within and beyond the academy who have shown leadership in promoting gender equity in STEM and Economics.

The Fellows, working as a team and supported by the Graduate Studies Office, during their Fellowship year will co-design and co-host two professional development events for women in science and other disciplines where they have been underrepresented. This might involve, for instance, alumni panels; Women in STEM Fora; interdisciplinary graduate and postdoc colloquium on controversial research topics and their ethical/legal/policy dimensions. Fellows will be asked to keep an IDP during their Fellowship year and provide a brief end-of-year report on the fellowship's impact on their academic progress and broader professional development.

Whittington Dissertation Fellows are expected to engage in full-time study during the periods of their fellowship. No additional duties will be required or permitted.

Students who expect to complete and defend their dissertations by the end of AY2019–20 are eligible to apply.

In order for students to be considered for AY2019–20, they will need to submit the following materials **in a single pdf** to the Graduate Studies Office, graddean@pitt.edu, by 5:00 p.m. on **March 1, 2019**:

- C.V. (including funding history in Ph.D. program, e.g. GSR, TA/TF, fellowships etc.)
- An unofficial transcript
- A statement of interest in which you –
 - 1) summarize your dissertation research, focusing on its originality and potential impact, in language accessible to non-specialists;
 - 2) articulate how the Fellowship will advance your academic and broader professional development and support your short- and medium-term career plans;
 - 3) indicate preliminary ideas for one or two professional development events that you would like to help design and host (max. 2 pages)
- A brief statement of support from your primary advisor, including the anticipated date for the dissertation defense (1-2 paras).

Finalists are expected to be invited for interview in mid-March. Awards are expected to be announced by April 1, 2019.