

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

2006

The Program: The College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award program is designed to help graduate students with outstanding potential to accelerate progress on their research, whether for the doctoral thesis or for other advanced projects. It is meant to help outstanding students in those departments in the College of Arts and Science in which summer support for graduate student research is rare or non-existent. There will be up to 25 awards of \$4000 each.

Who is eligible? Doctoral students in good standing making satisfactory progress toward the degree. It is expected that successful applicants will have spent no longer than four years in the degree program as of the spring semester of 2006. The funds are not to be used to support either coursework or preparation for qualifying exams but are, rather, intended to support mid-career students' work for the dissertation, dissertation proposal, or other research projects. A student may receive this award no more than twice during his or her career at Vanderbilt.

Those selected for a summer research award may not be supported by other funds—with the exception of a Dissertation Enhancement Grant—or hold other employment, including any type of teaching, during the course of the award (Monday, May 15 – Friday, August 18, 2006).

Application process: Applications should include a completed graduate student application cover sheet (*blank cover sheets can be obtained thru your DGS or departmental administrative assistant*), a current *curriculum vitae*; two letters of support, one of which must be from a faculty member who is supervising the research proposed for funding; a transcript of coursework undertaken at Vanderbilt; and a 1-2 page proposal. The proposal should be intelligible to non-specialists, convey a sense of the importance of the research, and outline as concretely as possible what research activities will be undertaken during the grant period. All documents in the application should be **single-sided** (*convert to single sided if documents are not*) and paper clipped together – please do not staple.

Applicants should submit materials to the Director of Graduate Studies of their programs by Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

Each fellowship recipient must submit a final report to the College of Arts and Science and to his or her DGS. The report is due no later than Friday, August 18, 2006, and should provide an account of the research supported by the award and a description of how the student plans to develop this work in the future.

Questions? Prospective applicants should direct questions about the College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award Program to their Directors of Graduate Studies.