Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowships
for Research Related to Education
2005 Awards

Eligibility
Applicants need not be citizens of the United States; however they must be candidates for the doctoral degree at a graduate school within the US. These fellowships are not intended to finance data collection or the completion of doctoral coursework, but rather to support the final analysis of the research topic and the writing of the dissertation. For this reason, all applicants must document that they will have completed all pre-dissertation requirements by June 1, 2005, and must provide a clear and specific plan for completing the dissertation within a one or two-year time frame.

Funding Priorities
Although the dissertation topic must concern education, graduate study may be in any academic discipline or professional field. In the past, fellowships have been awarded to candidates in anthropology, architecture, art history, economics, education, history, linguistics, literature, philosophy, political science, public health, psychology, religion, and sociology, but eligibility is not restricted to these academic areas. Candidates should be interested in pursuing further research in education once the doctorate is attained.

Awards
Approximately 30 non-renewable fellowships of $20,000 will be awarded in April 2005, to support completion of the dissertation.

Application Materials
In addition to the application form, applicants must also submit a list of publications/presentations (if applicable), a dissertation abstract, a narrative discussion of the dissertation, a work plan, two letters of recommendation, and a graduate transcript. Completed applications and supporting materials must be electronically submitted by Midnight (CST) Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Additional Information
For application materials and detailed information about this fellowship, as well as for general information on the Spencer Foundation’s programs supporting research related to education, please access our website at www.spencer.org.

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