

-Graduate Fellowship Information 2010-

TO: All-but-dissertation candidates

All grantees in the university student category (full-maintenance grants) automatically receive the normal monthly stipend of € 750.00.

From your application we understand that you are doing doctoral dissertation work. If you can satisfy the conditions for the **Fulbright Graduate Fellowship Status**, we will be able to offer a higher monthly stipend, € 1,000.00, as of grant inception in mid- or late September. Further, we give you more flexibility with regard to your research project as you do not have to take classes for credit.

The conditions for the graduate fellowship program are very precise with regard to your academic status:

- a) You must submit an official statement from your U.S. university that you have been admitted to Ph.D. candidacy and have completed all requirements for the degree, including all course requirements and the oral and written examinations, except for the dissertation. If you have already received a Ph.D. or a J.D. degree, you should prove that status so that you can be accepted as a graduate fellow.

The required statement can come from your dissertation or department chairperson and must indicate the date of your Ph.D. candidacy as well as the working title of your dissertation.

- b) You must also indicate a German professor with whom you plan to discuss your dissertation work during your stay in Germany (a kind of "Ersatzdoktorvater"). This person must later agree to write two short semester progress reports ("Gutachten") on your project. In addition, we will require two one-page semester progress reports from you. These will then satisfy the Commission's requirement for proof of your academic achievement during the grant period. The Gutachten and your own progress reports are due at the end of each semester.
- c) Please submit the enclosed application form by July 31, 2010, the latest. Otherwise, your first grant benefits will automatically be calculated at the regular monthly level of € 750.00.
- d) Please note that other credentials, unfortunately, cannot substitute for these requirements. Grantees in performing or creative fields and art are therefore not eligible. Further information will be available during our orientation meeting after your arrival in Germany.

If you have questions please get in touch with the American Programs at americanprograms@fulbright.de

Enclosure