



The Graduate School

# Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship In Leadership & Service

## 2019-2020 Announcement

Each year the Graduate School awards a limited number of Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships. The fellowships provide support to Ph.D. students who have demonstrated excellence in all aspects of graduate study and are in the **final stage** of doctoral work, i.e. completing the dissertation. The fellowships include a stipend, a tuition scholarship, and health insurance. **Starting in 2019, each department is only allowed to nominate TWO candidates for the Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships.**

The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation supports graduate level study at several Catholic universities and the directors of the foundation work to fulfill the late Mr. Schmitt's educational mission by stressing the importance of intellectual development and service to others. **Given the importance of becoming future leaders who serve others, participation in leadership seminars and a service activity is required during the year the fellowship is awarded.**

### Eligibility Requirements

By the application due date of **January 16, 2019**, applicants are required to have:

- 1) either been awarded candidacy OR have completed all steps to advance to candidacy except for successful completion of IRB approval, which must be completed by no later than June 1, 2019;
- 2) an anticipated defense of the dissertation no sooner than January 31, 2020 and no later than the end of the award year in August 2020;
- 3) submitted all required application material so that it is received electronically by the Graduate School no later than **midnight on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.**

The fellowship is conditional upon the applicant's meeting all eligibility requirements, which are solely the applicant's responsibility. The application of a student who does not meet the eligibility requirements will not be considered. If it is determined after awarding a fellowship that the recipient has not met the eligibility requirements, the fellowship will be withdrawn.

### Decision Criteria

The Graduate Fellowships Committee, an independent body of Graduate School faculty members from a variety of disciplines, reviews the applications and makes award recommendations based on the following criteria:

- 1) Student's Academic Record;
- 2) Intellectual Strength of Proposal; and
- 3) Student's Leadership Potential

### Conditions of Receiving a Fellowship

In accepting a fellowship, each recipient agrees to:

- 1) participate in person in:
  - a. a lunch seminar on the subject pursuing knowledge in the service of humanity;
  - b. a series of "Conversations on Leadership" for Schmitt Fellows;
  - c. present dissertation research at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium;
  - d. participate in a Three Minute Thesis event;
- 2) participate in a service project during the award year;
- 3) engage in full-time work on the dissertation; and
- 4) not hold a concurrent funding from another source.



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### Applications

Application material is available on the Graduate School web site under Forms. The application deadlines are:

- **Wednesday, January 2, 2019:** Department Evaluation Form and supporting material must be received by the department;
- **Wednesday, January 16, 2019:** A PDF of the nominee's required application material must be sent to Michelle Cerullo, Awards Coordinator in the Graduate School, at [mcerullo@luc.edu](mailto:mcerullo@luc.edu), by midnight. **A reminder that no more than two applications per department will be accepted.**