

THE ARTHUR MEIER SCHLESINGER, SR. GRADUATE TUITION FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Graduate School is pleased to offer The Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Sr. Graduate Tuition Fellowship. Supported entirely from an endowment account established in the Graduate School, these funds provide an avenue of short-term financial support for graduate students at critical junctures in their graduate study.

BACKGROUND

The Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Sr. Graduate Tuition Fellowship was created by a gift from Dr. A.J. Snow (B.A., 1916; M.A., 1917) in memory of Arthur Meier Schlesinger, Sr., professor of history at The Ohio State University from 1912 to 1919 and, later, a renowned historian and professor of history at Harvard. One of the leading American historians in the 1920s and 1930s, Schlesinger taught one of the first college courses in American social and cultural history and helped pioneer the field of social history. As a professor at Harvard, Schlesinger directed the work of a number of graduate students who, in turn, became distinguished social and intellectual historians. Renowned in his own right, Schlesinger is also famed as the father of Pulitzer-Prize winning historian Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

ELIGIBILITY

The Schlesinger Graduate Tuition Fellowship provides short-term financial support for graduate students at critical junctures in their graduate study. **It is up to each graduate student and his or her graduate program to describe the particular critical juncture facing the student.** Preference will be given to students whose work demonstrates great promise in their fields.

The award is not intended to provide support of individual students for more than one academic year and generally may not be used for students new to graduate school at Ohio State. Tuition awards may be for as little as 3 credits (for example, the minimum needed in the quarter of graduation) to full-time enrollment. Students must be in good academic standing and must be making reasonable progress toward the graduate degree.

The Graduate School expects to make approximately 3-4 -Schlesinger awards per quarter. This number may increase or decrease depending upon the specific requests that are approved for funding.

Note to graduate programs: These funds are not intended to substitute for tuition and fee authorizations for Graduate Associates. In addition, these funds may not be used in lieu of the fourth-quarter fee authorization.

PROCESS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS

There are three application deadlines per year:

- November 15, 2005; 5 p.m.
- February 15, 2006; 5 p.m.
- May 15, 2006; 5 p.m.

To receive consideration, the complete application must be received by the Graduate School by the stated deadlines. Only complete applications will be reviewed. Under extraordinary circumstances, the committee may elect to review off-cycle applications.

Applications must include:

1. **A statement of purpose and need from the student.** This statement should address how these funds will support the student's continued progress toward his or her degree and identify the consequences of not receiving funding.
2. **A letter from the student's Graduate Studies Committee Chair** documenting why support is being sought, the number of quarters and number of credits per quarter for which support is sought, the student's academic standing, progress toward the degree, and a record of past support (fellowships, GA positions, grants, financial aid, etc).
3. **A current advising report.**
4. **A letter of support from the student's advisor** evaluating the student's research or scholarly or creative work and describing the contributions the student is making or will make to his or her chosen field. The letter should also identify the student's anticipated graduation date.

For further information, please contact Ms. Irene Mynatt, Fellowship Coordinator (mynatt.2@osu.edu; 292-8403).