

The Bach Fellowship

Dissertation Grant Application Cover Sheet

Full Name:

Social Sciences Discipline:

Email:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone:

Applicant is at least 9 months from dissertation defense: Yes No

Dissertation Title:

Brief statement explaining how the dissertation project will contribute to the understanding of one or more national legislatures or the policy-making environments in which they operate:

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Application Instructions and Eligibility

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1. Please submit, as a single document, to Kevin Doherty in UChicagoGRAD (kevdoh@uchicago.edu) by May 1:
 - Dissertation Grant Application Cover Sheet
 - Dissertation prospectus (or a research design for the project)
 - Curriculum vitae
2. One letter of recommendation from the student's dissertation advisor or other faculty member familiar with the dissertation project should be submitted by letter writers directly to Kevin Doherty (kevdoh@uchicago.edu) by May 1.

Successful applicants for the Bach Fellowship will be informed by the end of June.

Eligibility for the Bach Fellowship:

The Bach Fellowship honors the life and work of Stanley I. Bach, who, as a Senior Specialist in the Legislative Process at the Congressional Research Service, educated Members of Congress and their staff on House and Senate rules through written products, seminars, and personal consultations. He was also involved in various parliamentary development programs, assisting in 35 countries over the course of his career at the request of the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the National Democratic Institute. After

he retired from CRS, he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Australia and published a book on the Australian Senate. Dr. Bach assembled many of his government and academic papers on his website, stanistan.org, which the Board of Directors continues to maintain.

Dr. Bach directed that after his death his assets be used to create a fellowship to fund one year of doctoral dissertation research and writing for advanced graduate students at the University of Chicago or Yale University, his two alma maters. The Fellowship is intended to facilitate dissertation research to improve the understanding of national legislative assemblies and democratic governance.

To be eligible for the dissertation fellowship, the applicant must have completed graduate coursework by the start of the academic year during which the Fellowship begins. In addition, applicants who will have most of their dissertation work completed by the start of the academic year during which the Fellowship begins will not be considered. The Fellowship winner must use the award solely for the purposes of the grant and must report periodically on the research.

Strong applicants will propose studies about one of more of these subjects:

- Political action within legislative institutions, including the political actions of legislators or legislative candidates, of the legislature collectively, or of its organs, such as legislative parties, leaders, coalitions, factions, committees or staff
- The politics of inter-branch and governing coalitions
- The policy-making context in which legislatures or their organs operate
- The activity of political actors who influence or respond to legislative actions

The Fellowship Award each year is expected to be approximately \$50,000. The award will be paid in two equal installments: first upon acceptance of the award, and then after submitting a research progress report approximately six months later.