

*Approved by the CFA Executive Committee, October 6, 2017*

## **College of Fine Arts Graduate Research Excellence Fellowship**

Deadline for submission to Chair/Director: January 14

Deadline for submission to the Graduate School: January 31

Deadline for submission to CFA: One week following Graduate School notification

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### **Mission:**

- To support and encourage the creative and/or scholarly research activities of outstanding graduate students in the College of Fine Arts.
  - To strengthen the research portfolio of College of Fine Arts graduate students in order to facilitate the job search and employment prospects following graduation.
  - To raise the profile of research activities in the College of Fine Arts.
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The **CFA Graduate Research Excellence Fellowship** complements the Graduate School's Graduate Research Fellowship. Both fellowships are given on a competitive basis to provide an outstanding graduate student with an opportunity for full-time creative and/or scholarly research, usually designed to complete a dissertation or thesis project. For full details regarding the purpose and scope of the fellowship, please see the Graduate School website: <http://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/graduate-fellowship-opportunities/>.

To be considered for the CFA Fellowship, the Department/School must first nominate the graduate student for the Graduate School's Graduate Research Fellowship. If the Department/School's candidate(s) are unsuccessful at the campus level, the unit may submit *one* graduate student's application to the CFA for consideration. Candidates who are successful at the campus level are not eligible for the CFA award. The CFA will award no more than one Fellowship in each academic year.

The CFA Graduate Fellow receives a \$15,000 stipend (plus tuition benefits and subsidized health insurance—if eligible).

### **Eligibility, Criteria, and Process:**

- In order for a graduate student to accept the Fellowship, they must have passed all preliminary and qualifying examinations prior to the Fall semester in which the Fellowship will begin.
- See [The Graduate School website](#) for more information and instructions for how to apply for the Graduate School Fellowship. No separate CFA application is required.
- Criteria for the CFA Fellowship are the same as for the Graduate School Fellowship.
- The Department/School must submit their top graduate student's application, along with two letters of recommendation, to the CFA Dean's Office within one week of notification that the student was not selected for the Graduate School's Graduate Research Fellowship.