

**Vanderbilt University
Department of Economics
Noel Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013**

The Noel Dissertation Fellowship provides dissertation research support to at least one student for one semester of the academic year. The Fellowship will provide support equivalent to one semester's full TA support as determined by the College. The recipient is free from any TA or RA responsibilities during the term of the Fellowship.

Who may apply? Students in the Ph.D. program for less than eight semesters who have passed their dissertation proposal defense by the time of the application are eligible. Students may receive this award no more than once during their career at Vanderbilt.

Application: The deadline for applications is **Friday, March 9, 2011**. Provide three copies of a summary of the dissertation work (described below) and a letter of support from the applicant's dissertation advisor to Kathleen Finn (Calhoun 415).

Submission details: The dissertation summary should not exceed three pages in length (typed double-spaced, no less than 11-point, margins of at least one inch). It should describe the dissertation research concisely and with a minimum of field-specific jargon. The first page of the summary should start with the dissertation title, the applicant's name, and the advisor's name. The student should be sure to mention when the proposal was defended and who is on the committee. Note that if the applicant plans to defend the dissertation proposal prior to the deadline (but has not yet), he/she must schedule their defense at least three weeks in advance of the deadline, according to the rules outlined in the Ph.D. program requirements. Acceptable defense dates are up to and including March 9th.

Grant requirements: The recipient must submit a brief report of the progress made towards the completion of the dissertation during the term of the Fellowship, within one month of the end of the term of the Fellowship. This should be provided to Kathleen Finn (Calhoun 415). An electronic version of the document should also be sent to Kathleen Finn. The report should be just 1 to 2 pages in length.

Proposal evaluation procedure: A committee of faculty will review the applications. The recipient will be notified before the end of April 2012.