



**2016-2017 The Steven J. Schochet  
Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship in Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies**

**About the Steven J. Schochet Endowment**

Steven J. Schochet was an alumnus of the University of Minnesota. Due to negative experiences as a student, Steven J. Schochet decided to leave a bequest to the university in 1996 to forward the education, awareness, and acceptance of all LGBTQIA identities. The Endowment, managed by the GLBTA Programs Office, exists with Schochet's mission towards advancement of LGBTQIA academics & research.

**About the Fellowship:**

*The Schochet Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship in Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies* provides \$22,000 to a PhD candidate who is pursuing research in the areas of queer, trans, and sexuality studies. This dissertation fellowship will be awarded to one PhD candidate during the 2016-2017 academic year (September-May). Applications for this fellowship are sought from persons of diverse backgrounds, particularly those from underrepresented and marginalized communities.

**Application Guidelines**

**Eligibility**

Applicants are eligible for the Schochet Interdisciplinary Fellowship in Queer, Trans and Sexuality Studies if they:

- Are enrolled at a University of Minnesota campus during the 2016–17 academic year as a graduate student.
- Pursuing research in the areas of queer, trans, and sexuality studies with an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach.
- Will have passed the written and oral preliminary examinations and will have completed all program coursework *including thesis credits* by the end of spring semester 2016. Preference will be given to applicants who have advanced to PhD candidacy by February 1, 2016. (Applicants may be registered for program coursework in spring 2016, but may not have any incompletes in program coursework at the time of nomination).
- Are making timely progress towards the completion of their degree.

**Award Terms**

- This fellowship will entail a \$22,000 award. The recipient's graduate department is expected to cover the expenses for 1 credit of graduate tuition each semester and subsidize their health insurance during their fellowship year.
- Valid only for 2016–2017 academic year.
- The U of M Financial Aid Office will be notified of this fellowship award.

**Evaluation Criteria**

The Committee will select recipients based on the following criteria:

- The importance of the research and the clarity with which it is conveyed;
- The applicant's involvement in, or contributions to, research, scholarly or creative activities (e.g. publications, presentations at professional conferences, performances or exhibits);
- Applicant's demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship in queer, trans and sexuality studies with an intersectional and/or transnational approach;

- Evidence of dedication to scholarship that engages an interdisciplinary approach across academic fields and concentrations.

### **Your application must include:**

- Application form (see below)
- Statement of Research: This statement should provide a clear summary of the applicant's dissertation research, highlighting the original contributions to the research (especially when part of a larger research project), placing the research within the context of existing research in the field, and describing the potential significance and contribution it will make to the discipline. Specialized terminology must be defined. The statement should also include a brief description of long-range career and professional goals.
  - Maximum three-pages, single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.
  - Key references, diagrams or pictures may be included (but they are not required) on a single additional appendix page (no formatting requirements).
  - Include a working title for your research at the top of the proposal.
  - Under the title, include an 100 word abstract
- Curriculum vitae (Maximum 2 pages)
- One letter of support from the advisor that discusses:
  - The importance and significance of the research and its impact on the broader discipline.
  - Publication, presentation or performance record in relation to the field.
  - The timeliness of progress toward the degree.

### **Notification**

Nominating programs will be notified, in writing, by the end of February.

### **Award Policy**

- Duplicate Awards: The recipient may not hold a concurrent fellowship, scholarship, grant or similar award that duplicates the funding of the Schochet Fellowship.
- Supplementation: Recipients may hold supplemental support up to the value of a 25% graduate assistantship from any source in each semester.
- Terms of Award: Recipients must be registered for graduate credit both semesters of the fellowship year. Fellows need not be in residence.

### **Application Deadline**

A completed application form and supporting documentation must be received in a single PDF document by **February 1, 2016**. The applicant's Director of Graduate Studies should submit the application via email to: Stef Wilenchek, Director, GLBTA Programs office, [swilench@umn.edu](mailto:swilench@umn.edu).

For more information or to request this information in an alternate format, email Stef Wilenchek at [swilench@umn.edu](mailto:swilench@umn.edu).

**Schochet Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship in Queer, Trans, & Sexuality Studies  
2016–2017 Application Form**

(Preferred) Name:		
Pronouns you use:	UMN Student ID#:	
E-mail:	Telephone:	
Current UMN Graduate Program:	Degree Sought:	
Term of Entry to Current Program (e.g. Fall 2012):	Anticipated Term of Graduation (e.g. Spring 2017):	
Date Prelims Passed (MM/YYYY):	Written:	Oral:
Have you ever received an approved leave of absence during your time in this program? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

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	<b>Undergraduate Institution(s):</b>	<b>Major/Degree Earned:</b>	<b>Year:</b>
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Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Advisor (if applicable) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dissertation Title (working): \_\_\_\_\_

**Confidentiality Statement & Press Release**

All documents received by the Scholarship Committee are considered confidential. However, the citation for award recipients will include material from applications and letters of reference.

- If you are chosen to receive this fellowship, may we make this information available to members of the press? Yes  No
- If chosen to receive this fellowship, can we use your name and photo for fundraising and marketing purposes? Yes  No

*I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have attached all supporting documents requested in the instructions. If awarded the Schochet Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship in Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies, I will not hold concurrently an supplemental appointment, award, or employment which exceeds the value of a 25% assistantship, without prior approval of the Schochet Advisory Board and attendant reduction in the Fellowship stipend.*

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Applicant Signature

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Date