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Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship  
**And**  
The Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies

Note: this document addresses both the Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship as well as the Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies. There are a few differences in the requirements, which are noted where applicable (for example, the Women's Studies Fellowship requires a personal statement, where the Newcombe does not; the Women's Studies Fellowship requires two letters of recommendation, whereas the Newcombe requires three).

This is an example of the format for the **required documents**, which includes these components

1. Abstract
  2. Proposal
  3. Bibliography
  4. Timetable
  5. Personal statement (**required** only for the Women's Studies Fellowship, **optional** for the Newcombe Fellowship)
  6. Curriculum Vitae
- The applicant will collate these five components that comprise the **required documents** into **one** PDF document.
  - The final PDF document will be uploaded into the *supplemental items* section of the online application.
  - These components, *in the order and sequence of this sample*, are necessary for an application to Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship and The Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies to be complete.
  - The *content* that follows in this sample is primarily “dummy text,” which is used as a standard in the typesetting industry.

Commentary and suggestions will be in **red**.



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**A note on the evaluation criteria**

Each application is evaluated on these criteria:

**Quality**

Does the proposal display outstanding scholarly merit and originality?

**Student Qualifications**

Does the student have the necessary qualifications for carrying out the proposed project?

**Timetable**

Is the timetable reasonable?

Is the applicant's trajectory such that s/he will complete the dissertation during the spring or summer of the upcoming academic year?

**Relevance to topic (women and gender *or* religious and ethical values).**

Does the proposal demonstrate **central** relevance to the Fellowship's purpose?

The header is optional. If used, include only the above information.

## Proposed Dissertation Title

Applicant First Name-Last name

Doctoral Institution

Doctoral Department

Faculty who are Submitting Letters of Recommendation:

Recommender One Name, Dissertation Advisor

Recommender Two Name

Recommender Three Name

Cover page with all the above fields is **required**.

The Women's Studies Fellowship requires two recommenders.

The Newcombe Fellowship requires three recommenders.

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The table of contents is optional, but recommended.

## Abstract

The abstract summarizes concisely your dissertation project. The abstract must demonstrate the centrality, relevance, and significance of ethics, religion and/or values, (Newcombe Fellowship) or women's and gender studies, (Women's Studies Fellowship) to your dissertation project. It should be 200-300 words in length, and may be single or double-spaced

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## Proposal

The proposal describes how your project addresses religious or ethical values **or** women's and gender issues, what your objective is, how you will arrive at that objective, and why your work is or will be at the forefront of scholarship in your academic discipline. It is in the proposal where there should be **clear** and **direct** discussion regarding the centrality of religious, ethical or moral values--or women and gender studies--in the project.

The proposal should be no longer than six double-spaced pages, using the equivalent of Times New Roman 11 point font, and no less than a one-inch margin.

You may use standard footnote formatting where necessary, staying within the 6-page limit. Alternatively, you may use the bibliography as your works cited, instead of using space in your proposal. If you choose this, please reference the work in the bibliography with in-text citations (author, year).

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## Bibliography

The purpose of the bibliography is to show the major source bases for your research. Cite primary sources, secondary sources, archival collections, or some combination of these. It is important to include the works that most clearly demonstrate your preparation to carry out the research you propose. It should be no longer than two pages, using the equivalent of Times New Roman 11-point font, in standard bibliographic format (entries single-spaced, with a double-space between entries). An annotated bibliography is acceptable, keeping within the two-page limit.

Arendt, Hannah. *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1951.

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(...Etc. up to two pages)

## Timetable

The purpose of the timetable is to demonstrate to the selection committee that this is truly the final year of dissertation writing. Have all interviews been conducted? Have all archives been visited? Is all the research done? Is there sufficient progress in writing that the remainder will be completed during the tenure of the award? These are examples of the types of questions the committee members will want to know.

Please create a table similar to this one, or download the table here:  
[www.woodrow.org/download/Timeline.xlsx](http://www.woodrow.org/download/Timeline.xlsx)

This timetable may be modified to reflect more accurately the stages relevant to your work.

	Archives/ Research/ Interviews Complete	Outlined	First Draft in Progress	First Draft Complete	Final Draft Complete	Final Draft Reviewed by Advisor and/or Committee
Introduction						
Chapter One						
Chapter Two						
Chapter Three						
Chapter Four						
Chapter Five						
Chapter Six						
Chapter Seven						
Conclusion						

- In the boxes, **place the date** the task was completed **or the anticipated date** of completion (month/day/year) for each chapter and stage.
- If something is not applicable, use “NA” to indicate that (for example if you have only five chapters, use NA for the boxes referring to chapters six and seven).
- You may add any rows/columns with relevant milestones of your progress.
- **In addition** to the above table, you may optionally use paragraph/narrative form, or bullet points, or a combination of the two to add further information or explanation.

The timetable, including the chart and any additional commentary, should be no longer than two pages, using the equivalent of Times New Roman 11 point font.

## Personal Statement and Curriculum Vitae

The **Personal Statement** should be placed before (or at the top of) the C.V. The Personal Statement is *optional* for Newcombe Fellowship applications and *required* for Women's Studies Fellowship applications. It may be single or double-spaced, and should be no more than 300 words.

### Women's Studies Fellowship applicants

- **Must** discuss the importance of women's and gender studies to them, and their aspirations for the field, their personal goals within in the field of women's and gender studies.
- **Have** the option of adding any extenuating circumstances related to dissertation writing or funding, educational experience that is not listed anywhere else in the application, notable experiences that contribute to the value of the application.

Newcombe Fellowship applicants have the option of adding a personal statement regarding any extenuating circumstances related to dissertation writing or funding, educational experience that is not listed anywhere else in the application, or notable experiences that contribute to the value of the application. The Personal Statement *should not be used* to justify why religion is important, why the proposal deals with religion, values, or ethics, or why the applicant thinks their topic important; these should be addressed in the proposal.

**The C.V.** should demonstrate an applicant's position to make a scholarly contribution in the field, as well as any unique skills that highlight the quality of the contribution. Information may include relevant languages; publications; presentations; and classes taught or taken. Awards, honors, fellowships, community/volunteer service may also be included. Standard contact or other personal information should be omitted. Please choose **only relevant** information; do **not** include the entire C.V., unless it is within the page limit.

The C.V. section should be no more than a total of seven pages (as an addition to any space for the personal statement), using the equivalent of Times New Roman 11 point font. *Surpassing the page limit may jeopardize the eligibility of the application.*