Hella Mears Graduate Fellowship for German and European Studies in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota

The Hella Mears Graduate Fellowship in German and European studies, which is administered by the Center for German and European Studies in the College of Liberal Arts, supports graduate student research across the arts, humanities, and social sciences on a broad range of German and European topics. Two types of Mears Graduate Fellowships are available:

1.) Mears Research Fellowships. These fellowships provide summer support for advanced graduate students at the dissertation phase. For further information, please see http://www.cges.umn.edu/fellowships/HellaMearsGraduateFellowship.html

2.) Mears Recruitment Fellowships: This fellowships provide an Augmentation of recruitment packages for outstanding incoming Ph.D. students at the time of recruitment (1-3 fellowships at $5,000 each for the first year of graduate study). The Mears Recruitment Fellowship may be used as a stipend augmentation or to provide summer research support for the summer between the first and second year of graduate study.

Mears Recruitment Fellowship: Application Instructions and Selection Criteria:

To apply for the Mears Recruitment Fellowship, Directors of Graduate Studies (DGS) should submit a letter of nomination to the Center for German and European Studies. Each department may nominate one candidate. The nomination package should be prepared by the program, using material from the student’s application for admission.

- Documentation in support of the Mears Recruitment Fellowship is similar to the supporting materials required for the CLA-Graduate Student Fellowship. They include:
  - Director of Graduate Studies’ nomination evaluation statement
  - Nominee’s narrative statement on goals/career objectives
  - Three letters of recommendation
  - GRE scores, if applicable
  - TOEFL, IELTS, or MELAB scores, if applicable
  - Transcripts, including their interpretation pages, from each college/university attended

Eligibility requirements for the Mears Recruitment Fellowship:

- Candidate will be a full-time Ph.D. student in CLA entering the University of Minnesota Graduate School for the first time;
- Applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic promise in their field and strong research interest in German and/or European Studies;
- Applicants must have an excellent academic record;
• Applicants must be willing to interact with other Mears Fellows and present their research in the academic year following their tenure of the fellowship.

Timeline for 2016-2017 Mears Recruitment Fellowships:

Monday, February 22, 2016: Nominations and supporting materials due at the Center for German and European Studies. Electronic submissions are welcome, and may be submitted to cges@umn.edu

Friday, March 11, 2016: Decisions are communicated to departments.

Kindly submit the application electronically (cges@umn.edu) or as a hard copy to:

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