

Application Form
Opperman Fellow Scholarship
Department of History & Philosophy
Eastern Michigan University

The Department of History and Philosophy at Eastern Michigan University is seeking applications from qualified undergraduate students for the Opperman Fellow Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will receive a graduate assistantship for two academic years. The scholarship will also carry a cash stipend of approximately \$14,737, with \$9,505 being distributed the first year of the scholarship, and \$5,232 being distributed the second year. (This amount may vary slightly). The Opperman Fellow Scholarship will also cover 30 hrs. of graduate tuition over the course of the two academic years as well. Support for research travel is available as the fellow begins work on the M.A. thesis, and a summer stipend of \$2,500 will help support the fellow as he/she works on the thesis over the summer. Additionally, the Opperman Fellow will be given \$1000.00 to help fund his or her participation at an academic conference where he or she will present their work. Students who are interested in pursuing an M.A. degree in History before advancing on to the Ph.D. are especially encouraged to apply.

Students who receive a graduate assistantship from the department as part of this award will be expected to work 20 hours a week in the first year, and 10 hours a week in the second year. Specific assignments and work performed by individual graduate assistants vary, depending up the needs of the department. A graduate assistant may be assigned to a specific professor to help in the classroom, and/or do tutoring outside of class. Other graduate students are frequently assigned to faculty to help with ongoing research projects.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be admitted into the M.A. in History Program at Eastern Michigan University
- Have an undergraduate g.p.a. of 3.5 or above

Along with this application form, the applicant must also submit

- two letters of recommendation from faculty who know the applicant's work
- an essay outlining the student's scholarly area of interest and how the M.A. in History would help further the career plans of the student. This statement should be no more than two pages, double spaced
- a writing sample
- a current copy of the applicant's transcript

APPLICATION DEADLINE 5:00 P.M. Jan. 7th, 2019.

Completed application should be addressed to:

Prof. Ronald K. Delph
Department of History and Philosophy
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Applicant, please fill out this page and use it as the cover page for your application material.

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First

Permanent Address: _____
Street City
State Zip

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _(_____)_____

RECOMMENDATION FOR OPPERMAN FELLOW SCHOLARSHIP IN HISTORY
Department of History and Philosophy
Eastern Michigan University

Applicant: Please fill out Pt I of this form, and then give it to your referee.

Your referee should return this form and the letter to you in a sealed envelope, addressed to you. Please have them sign their name across the seal on the back of the envelope. Referees may also mail this form and accompanying letter of recommendation directly to the Graduate Advisor in History, Dr. Ronald Delph, at rdelph@emich.edu.

Pt I: Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____
Last First

Name of referee: _____
Last First

Pt II: Referee Information

Your name/title: _____
Last First

Your Position: _____

Your address: _____

Your Email address: _____

How long have you known the student, and in what capacity? _____

In order to help the committee evaluate the applicant's qualifications for the Opperman Fellow Scholarship, would you please answer the following two questions:

1. Among students at his/her level whom I have known, I would rank him/her in the

Upper 5%

Upper 10%

Upper 50%

Lower 50%

2. I rate his/her potential as a graduate assistant in History to be

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Fair

Poor

Letter of Recommendation:

The Opperman Fellow Scholarship is intended to help graduate students who have the strong potential and interest in pursuing their graduate studies on the doctoral level, once they have received the M.A. in History degree. As Opperman Fellows, these students will receive a two year graduate assistantship which will require them to work in classrooms alongside faculty, to serve as tutors for undergraduate students, and to help faculty in research projects. The committee therefore would appreciate it if, in your letter, you would address the student's ability to succeed on the master's level, and his or her potential and interest in pursuing their graduate studies on the doctoral level. We would also find very useful your evaluation of the student's ability to serve as a graduate assistantship in the capacity described above.