THE UNIVERSITY of TULSA

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR
BELLWETHER FELLOWSHIP

DUE BY JANUARY 16

(Please type or print when completing the application) TU ID #_____

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Telephone No. (_____) _____ **Gender:** Male_____ Female_____

Present Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Permanent address _____
(Where mail will always be forwarded to you)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Doctoral field of study: _____

Colleges or universities attended to date	Dates attended	Degrees awarded
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____ TU Graduate G.P.A.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

____APPROVED NEW: ____ ALTERNATE: ___ RENEWAL: ____

LEVEL OF AWARD Full: ___ Partial as Fall: ___ Spring: ___ Summer: ___

____DECLINED

DATE _____ GRADUATE SCHOOL APPROVAL _____

CHECK ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY.

_____ I am applying for an academic-year (summer, fall, and spring) award.

_____ I am applying for a summer award. Check this option if you also want to be considered for a summer award if your application is not successful as an academic-year award.

_____I am applying for University housing during the following semesters:
(No additional stipend funds for off-campus housing will be provided, if University housing is not requested.)
_____Summer _____Fall _____Spring

TUITION

Number of credit hours of tuition requested for the following semesters:

_____Summer _____Fall _____Spring

Do you anticipate that you will complete your degree by the end of the fellowship year? _____ Yes _____ No

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUPPLIED:

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

Attach a letter to the Dean of the Graduate School that explains your career interests and goals, discusses your ability to meet academic milestones based upon your past academic record, discusses how the Bellwether Fellowship will help with the timely completion of your doctoral degree, and if this award would help shorten your time to degree completion. Applicants must provide convincing evidence that they could complete the dissertation during the fellowship period.

DEGREE COMPLETION TIMELINE

Submit a timeline for degree completion that you discussed with your dissertation advisor and if appropriate, demonstrate how this award would shorten your time to degree completion. Please describe all planned professional or academic activities (practicum, classes, etc.) that are expected to occur during the fellowship period.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Successful Bellwether Fellows are expected to work independently, seek advice of their committee as a resource when appropriate, and have regularly scheduled meetings (at least every three weeks) with their advisor to discuss the doctoral candidate's progress. Applicants must discuss their proposed timeline with their advisor.

Because the advisor and the dissertation committee play a critical role in the candidate's final stages of degree completion, the advisor, as dissertation committee chair, will need to submit a letter that

1. **comments on the applicant's timeliness to meet past academic milestones in the degree program and applicant's potential to meet the proposed timeline for degree completion,**
2. **comments on the personal and professional integrity and good academic standing of the applicant,**
3. **attests to the availability of the advisor for regular meetings, and**
4. **attests to the committee members' availability to aid the doctoral candidate according to the proposed timeline**.

The advisor's letter should be mailed directly to The University of Tulsa, Graduate School – Lorton Hall 201, 800 South Tucker Drive, Tulsa, OK 74104 and must be received by the Graduate School no later than January 16th. Additional letters of support may be provided, but are not required.

Please provide the name of your dissertation advisor who will be writing your letter of recommendation.

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Please list the name(s) of any other individual that will be submitting a letter of recommendation.

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PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR THOSE RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 16 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If you accept another award prior to the awarding of the Bellwether Fellowship, please notify the Graduate School to remove yourself from consideration.

1. Checklist of items applicants must submit to the Graduate School:

___ Letter to the Dean of the Graduate School from the applicant that explains career interests and goals, discusses ability to meet academic milestones as demonstrated from past track record, discusses how the Bellwether Fellowship will help with the timely completion of the Ph.D. degree, and explain how this award would shorten the time to degree completion.

___ Timeline for completion of degree

___ Completed Application

___ Resume (Optional)

2. Applicant must have the letter of recommendation of the dissertation advisor sent to the Graduate School no later than January 16th.

Failure to supply any of the requested information may result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this award.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT

A) I CERTIFY ALL OF THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT;

B) I UNDERSTAND THAT A BELLWETHER FELLOWSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME FOR (1) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC RECORD OR (2) FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY, NOW EXISTING OR EXISTING IN THE FUTURE;

C) I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT RENEWAL IS NOT AUTOMATIC AND APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION BY JANUARY 16TH IS REQUIRED.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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The Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Risk Management has the responsibility for implementing and monitoring the Affirmative Action Plan at The University of Tulsa and assisting with the application and interpretation of pertinent laws and policy. For additional EEO/AA information, contact Wayne Paulison in the Office of Human Resources and Risk Management at 918-631-2616. For disability accommodation information, contact Dr. Jane Corso at 918-631-2315. Requests for an interpreter must be made seven days in advance of an event and at least 48 hours for all other accommodations.

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Bellwether Fellowships

All Graduate Students selected for one of the Competitive Awards are expected to have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success, the ability to complete their degree in a timely manner, personal and professional integrity, and are in good academic standing.

The Bellwether Fellowships are to assist doctoral candidates in the completion of their degree. The selected fellowship recipients are expected to be leaders in their respective disciplines and trendsetters for The University of Tulsa doctoral degree. New recipients will receive awards for an entire academic year (12 months) of up to 21 credits in tuition, stipend of $13,500 for 12 months, and University housing for up to 12 months.

To be eligible for an award, a doctoral student must be admitted to candidacy (passed all qualifying or comprehensive exams and successfully defended the prospectus or dissertation proposal) and can demonstrate a good track record with respect to timely completion of Ph.D. milestones. Candidates for the award are expected to be in the writing stage of their dissertation work with the majority of the research (and data collection where applicable) completed. Fellowships are awarded for up to one year. Progress reports are due August 1, December 1, and April 15th for all recipients.

The Bellwether Fellowship program is designed for full-time doctoral candidates who are working full time toward the completion of degree requirements. It is expected that Bellwether Fellows will be working full-time, on average at least 40 hours per week, on activities focused on/advancing the completion of the dissertation. Hence, participants in the Bellwether Fellowship program may not receive payment for any work on or off campus during the Fellowship period except with the written permission of the Dean of the Graduate School. These fellowships are intended to provide an opportunity for doctoral candidates to focus on their dissertations without other work commitments.

Submit completed application directly to the Graduate School by January 16th.

1. Items student must submit to the Graduate School:
   Letter to the Dean of the Graduate School from the applicant that explains career interests and goals, discusses ability to meet academic milestones as demonstrated from past track record, discusses how the Bellwether Fellowship will help with the timely completion of the Ph.D. degree, and if appropriate, explains how this award would shorten the time to degree completion. Applicants must provide convincing evidence that they could complete the dissertation during the fellowship period.
   Timeline for the completion of the degree program
   Application completed for the Bellwether Fellowship
   Resume (optional)
2. Student must have a **letter of recommendation** pertaining to this award from the dissertation advisor sent to the Graduate School no later than January 16th.

Current Bellwether Fellows may apply for an extension only with unusual circumstances. Application can be made for only an extension of a summer semester and/or one additional fall semester. Convincing evidence must be presented that the extension is necessary, and that the doctoral degree will be completed during that time period. Applications for extension are available from the Graduate School Office, and must be submitted by January 16th. Extension is not automatic and is contingent upon evidence of good academic progress relative to the original proposed timeline and the awardee remaining in good academic standing.