Purpose:
The Dolores Z. Liebmann Fellowship provides support to graduate students with financial need who are U.S. citizens.

Fellowship Description:
The Liebmann Fellowship provides tuition and an $18,000 stipend. The Graduate School provides fees and health insurance for recipients. The fellowship is renewable for up to 3 years of support. The selection is based upon: 1) outstanding undergraduate and graduate records; and 2) a demonstrated need for financial assistance. Fellowships are available to students who are enrolled in a graduate program and pursuing a graduate degree at a designated institution of higher learning at the time of application. Students must be U.S. citizens, and their research must be taking place within the U.S. Fellowships may be awarded in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences. The selection committee has a strong interest in supporting scholarly endeavors, particularly with focus on Armenian studies.

Eligibility:
Eligible students are U.S. students who:

- are currently enrolled in a graduate program and pursuing a graduate degree
- are pursuing any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences
- have received a baccalaureate degree and have an outstanding undergraduate record
- can demonstrate a need for financial assistance

Pre-Selection Process:
UNC Chapel Hill can only nominate three graduate students each year for the Dolores Z. Liebmann Fellowship and uses a pre-selection process to determine those 3 students. Applications are due to the Graduate School via email by 12:00pm, December 3, 2013.

The Graduate School will notify the three selected students in early January and work with them to submit their final applications directly to the Liebmann Fund selection committee by their deadline.

A complete pre-selection application includes, in this order:

1. **Signed and completed pre-selection application form**

2. **Statement of Purpose** - no more than three pages
   Describe the relationship between your graduate level of study and your intended personal and/or professional goals. Include a 10-15 line abstract that explains, in layman’s terms, your degree program, giving emphasis to its eventual intellectual impact on your field of student and the relationship between your graduate level study and your intended personal and/or professional goals.

3. **Curriculum Vita** - no more than 2 pages
   Include relevant honors, awards, and professional activities; list publications, presentations, and posters.

4. **Statement of Financial Need** – no more than 250 words
   Include a summary of debts, loans, and financial aid to be used for the pre-selection process only. One official copy of each of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Financial Aid Summary from UNC, and Federal Income Tax Return for the prior two years (including spouse’s returns, if applicable) will be needed for
the official application to the Liebmann Fund selection committee. All applicants should be prepared to submit all official copies by January 15, 2014.

5. **Unofficial Graduate Transcripts**
   For more information on printing unofficial transcripts, please visit the Registrar’s website.

6. **GRE or MCAT scores**

7. 2 Letters of Recommendation from professors who have worked with you closely – no more than 1 page

   Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Graduate School at CB 4010, 200 Bynum Hall.

   The recommenders should include a specific description of the applicant’s role in developing and implementing the project, and his/her contribution to any publications which might have already come from the project. The letter should also address the significance and innovation of the intended research project.

** Please note that while unofficial copies may be used for the internal (pre-selection) competition, official transcripts and graduate exam test scores will be necessary to send with the final application. See pre-selection application for details. All applicants should be prepared to submit all official copies by January 15, 2014.

** Format:
The Statement of Purpose and Statement of Financial Need must be double-spaced, with 12 point font, 1-inch margins, pages numbered, and the applicant's name on each page (references can be single spaced). The Curriculum Vita must have 12 point font, 1-inch margins, pages numbered, and the applicant's name on each page. Applications will not be considered if they exceed the page limit and/or the proper formatting is not followed.

** Deadline:
Applicants should submit an electronic copy of the completed pre-selection applications for their nominees to Julie Montaigne, Fellowship and Funding Manager, via email at julie_montaigne@unc.edu no later than 12:00p.m. on December 3, 2013.
Pre-selection Application Form

Applications Due: December 3, 2013 (by 12:00 p.m.)

Name: ___________________________________________ PID: ___________________________

Department & Degree Intent: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________ Phone Number: __________________

Home address: _________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Previous Degrees: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

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Expected date of completion of graduate studies: _______________________________________________________________________

No. of semesters remaining (not including Fall 2013 or Spring 2014): _______________________________________________________

Are you a U.S. Citizen: _____ Yes _____ No

Previous Education:

High School: ___________________________________________ Graduation Date: __________________

Undergraduate: ___________________________________________ Graduation Date: __________________

Other Secondary: ___________________________________________ Graduation Date: __________________

If you are one of the 3 finalists selected by the Graduate School Fellowship Committee, you will be asked to complete the official application. The official application requires full disclosure of all outstanding loans, debts, financial aid, and other scholarships/fellowships. You will also be required to submit an estimate of your living expenses and attach your (and your spouse's, if applicable) income tax returns for the prior two years. The final application also requires certified copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts to date as well as copies of scores from the GRE, LSAT, and/or GMAT. Please be prepared to provide these documents and information immediately if you are selected during this preliminary review. Official transcripts and GRE scores can take a few weeks to receive, therefore, you should order them now to be prepared should you be selected as one of the three nominees. Please have these documents sent to you not the Graduate School so you can submit them with the rest of your application documents. The Graduate School only receives GRE scores electronically, which cannot be used for this process. If you are selected, you will be notified by January 10, 2014. Official applications must be completed and submitted to the Graduate School by January 15, 2014.

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