

Criteria for Ranking and Selection (3/2008)

Woodman, PRF

Procedure: A committee of faculty is appointed to review applications, avoiding conflicts of interest as much as possible. The committee members plus the DOGE score proposal on a 5 point scale (5 = excellent, 4 = very good, etc). Scores are tallied by the DOGE who then recommends rankings and (where appropriate) the number of awards to be given. The Department Head makes the final decisions regarding financial awards (or, in the case of ORF, rankings going forward to CLA). Criteria are:

- **Quality of the project:** Proposals will be evaluated for the quality of the questions they pose and the research strategies they offer to pursue those questions. Clarity, originality, and significance all are important.
- **Feasibility of the project:** Evaluators will consider whether you have the requisite preparation to execute the project successfully as well as whether the research plausibly can be done in the time and manner proposed.
- **Progress toward degree:** Preference will be given to applicants who are making excellent progress toward their degree. (This does not necessarily imply seniority among the candidates.)

The terms and amount of year-long PRF awards are set by the Office of the Vice President for Research. Woodman Travel Grant applications may request any amount of support, but typically these awards run to a few hundred dollars and are not adequate to fund entirely any off-campus research trip. All other things being equal, preference will be given to feasible projects that simply cannot be done without traveling to archives.

Benhamou Scholarship (awarded by the Graduate Committee)

Applicants will be ranked in terms of:

- **Evidence of excellence** in your program of study to date
- **Appropriateness** of your field of interest in light of the intentions of the scholarship (early modern Europe, especially France)
- **Progress** toward your degree

Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship (nominated by the Department Head)

Applicants will be ranked in terms of:

- **Evidence of excellence** in your program of study to date
- **Quality** of your dissertation project
- **Probability** of being able to finish as required in the fellowship year