

# IRLE Dissertation Fellowship

The IRLE Dissertation Fellowship provides funding for doctoral students writing dissertations relating to labor and employment. The fellowship provides a stipend of \$16,000 and in-state tuition and fees for the 2017-18 academic year. Recipients must be conducting research related to IRLE's mission and commit to engaging with IRLE's activities during the academic year (see [irle.berkeley.edu](http://irle.berkeley.edu) for more about IRLE's mission and programs). IRLE seeks to promote an interdisciplinary research culture focused on improving the lives of working people, and awards fellowships in a wide range of disciplines.

## Eligibility:

- **UC Berkeley doctoral students who are advanced to candidacy and who are nearing completion of a dissertation related to labor and/or employment.**
- **The fellowship is intended to fund the final year of studies, but students in their next to final year may also be considered.**

## Requirements:

- **Fellows are expected to attend the IRLE research seminar during the funded year, and to present their dissertation research at the seminar in the fall or spring.**
- **The Fellows cohort is expected to organize a research workshop in Spring of 2018.**
- **Fellows are strongly encouraged to publish their research through IRLE's working paper series, policy brief series, and/or as a feature on our website.**
- **Fellows may combine other fellowship awards up to the maximum amount set by the Graduate Division.**
- **Because the purpose of the IRLE Fellowship is to enable full-time research and writing, Fellows are not eligible to teach or hold other academic appointments in the academic year during which they hold the fellowship. Exceptions may be made only when this appointment is complementary to the Fellow's dissertation research.**
- **Applicants proposing to use the fellowship for their next-to-final year of studies must have funding available for their final year, for example through the campus Doctoral Completion Fellowship or other external support).**
- **Applications for partial-year fellowships will be considered.**

## To apply, please submit:

1. **A short dissertation prospectus (less than 5 pages)**
2. **A current CV**
3. **A recommendation letter from the dissertation advisor, assessing the applicant's promise, the expected contribution of the dissertation, and the applicant's likely completion date if funded.**

Application materials should be emailed to IRLE Program Assistant Charlotte Rutty at [charlotterutty@berkeley.edu](mailto:charlotterutty@berkeley.edu). Recommendation letters should come directly from the advisor. All materials must be received by **March 24**. Decisions will be announced by late April.

*Note:* Awards cannot be deferred to future years. Out-of-state fees will not be covered. Funding for tuition and fees cannot be converted to additional stipend, even if awardee has other funding.