

Dissertation Year Fellowship Application

2026-2027 Academic Year

(See following page for required attachments and instructions)

NAME:	
ADDRESS (home):	
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UNIVERSITY ID #:	
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT:	
YEAR ENTERED NORTHWESTERN:	
MONTH/YEAR of DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS DEFENSE:	
GRADUATE COURSEWORK GPA:	
ADVISOR:	
# OF QUARTERS FUNDING REQUESTED:	
PERIOD OF FUNDING:	through

Application Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026

Submit electronically to Andrea Cehaic at andrea.cehaic@northwestern.edu

TRANSPORTATION CENTER DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: The applicant must show evidence that they have successfully defended their thesis prospectus prior to the start of their funding period.

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR APPLICATION: (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

1. A **CV**.
2. A **nomination Letter** from the faculty chair of your dissertation committee. This letter must be submitted confidentially by the faculty member to Andrea Cehaic at andrea.cehaic@northwestern.edu.
3. Record of course registrations to date at Northwestern (an **unofficial transcript** downloaded from the Registrar is the preferred source).
4. A **statement of other sources of support** (actual or potential) for the next academic year.
5. A **3-5 pages thesis prospectus** – adhering to the following instructions:
 - The Transportation Center Dissertation Fellowship committee is an interdisciplinary review committee, so write in a manner that would be generally accessible to a faculty member in another discipline.
 - This is an application for funding, not an abstract or opening section of your thesis.
 - Your application should start by briefly stating what your thesis is about.
 - The Committee is concerned with determining whether you have a viable work plan for your thesis, and a realistic timeline to complete the thesis in the next academic year. Therefore, you need to provide evidence of this to the Committee.
 - The Committee is also concerned with rewarding the highest quality projects. Applicants should indicate the advances that their research will provide, but do so in a non-technical, interdisciplinary manner.