



- What degree will you seek at SIU Carbondale?  Master's  M.F.A.  Doctorate
- What will be your main field of study? \_\_\_\_\_
- List the financial support and date(s) that you have received from SIU Carbondale as a graduate student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note – Tax Information:** Fellowship stipends are paid through the University’s payroll system which requires income taxes to be withheld. Fellows will fill out the Employee’s W-4 Withholding Allowance Certificate form (W-4 form) as part of the research fellowship award packet. Information on taxation of fellowship awards can be found in [IRS Publication 970: Tax Benefits for Education](#) (PDF).

- **Please Attach:**
  - **Award Essay** (maximum two pages, typed, double-spaced). Describe: a) your adverse educational, social, cultural or economic conditions and how you have overcome these barriers; b) your unique contributions to the community; and c) why you should be awarded this fellowship. (In the upper right-hand corner of the paper, indicate “Award Essay,” your name, and “Graduate Dean’s Fellowship.”)
  - **Personal Statement** (200-word, typed). Prepare the paper **in third person** highlighting your academic achievements and professional interests, including honors, awards, publications, presentations, and co-curricular involvement. (In the upper right-hand corner of the paper, indicate “Personal Statement,” your name, and “Graduate Dean’s Fellowship.”)
- **Helpful Information:**
  - Inform your intended academic department that you wish to be nominated for the Graduate Dean’s Fellowship.
  - If required, take the national exam (GRE, MAT, or GMAT) early, preferably no later than October. Your application must be complete when it is evaluated by your intended academic department.
  - After reviewing the **Department Admission Packet**, the department makes an admission recommendation and the nomination for a Graduate Dean’s Fellowship to the Graduate School. The formal offer of admission to the Graduate School and notification of the Graduate Dean’s Fellowship award will come from the Graduate School.

I certify that all the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete, and I hereby authorize the Graduate Dean’s Fellowship Panel to make all necessary eligibility checks with the information provided.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to: Assistantship/Fellowship Office  
 Graduate School  
 Southern Illinois University  
 1263 Lincoln Dr., Mailcode 4716  
 Carbondale, IL 62901-4716

**PLEASE REPLACE THIS PAGE WITH THE AWARD ESSAY**

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**PLEASE REPLACE THIS PAGE WITH THE PERSONAL STATEMENT**

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