**Information and Instructions**

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Austin Branch Fellowships for Doctoral Candidates
The University of Texas at Austin –2025-2026 Academic Year

The Fellowships

AAUW Austin Branch will award 1-3 fellowships this year, each in the amount of at least $2,000, to doctoral candidates. This award has been established to assist individuals who require financial aid to complete their doctoral program. A prerequisite for consideration for the Fellowship is doctoral committee approval of the dissertation proposal. The Fellowship Selection Committee expects that announcement of the awards will be made on or about April 14, 2025.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Individuals who have been formally admitted to doctoral candidacy at The University of Texas at Austin and whose cumulative graduate school grade point average is 3.5 or better are eligible. All fields of study are eligible. Both USA citizens and non-citizens are eligible. Selection criteria include academic history, submitted reference letters, the applicant’s statement, strength of application form and additional considerations. Your statement will be evaluated in part on how your project addresses potential broad, community, global impact; advancing the empowerment, equity, and status for women and girls; and/or relevance to social justice.

Application and Selection Procedure

1. Download the application form from:

<https://austin-tx.aauw.net/special-projects/fellowships/>

1. Complete the application, supplying all of the required information, and save the file. Email your **completed application file**, your **applicant’s statement**, and the **contact information** (name and email addresses) for your **three** (3) references to

**aauwfellows@gmail.com**

1. Ask your references **to** **email their letters to aauwfellows@gmail.com**

**on or before the application deadline**.

1. Your complete application and all three letters of reference mustbe received no later than **5:00 PM CDT on Monday, March 24, 2025.**
2. Emails will be sent to all applicants announcing the awards.
3. All portfolios become the property of AAUW Austin Branch.
4. Funds will be available shortly after enrollment verification in the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters.

Responsibilities of Fellowship Recipients

Notify the Fellowship Selection Committee Chair of your acceptance, immediately and in writing. Use of email for this purpose is encouraged.

1. Attend the AAUW Austin Branch meeting on Saturday, **May 10, 2025,** as a guest of the Branch, to make an oral presentation about your dissertation.
2. Submit a brief written report to the Selection Committee Chair no later than June 1, 2026, on your use of the fellowship.

Application Tips and Hints

Your application form, applicant’s statement, and all three letters of reference must be emailed no later than 5:00 PM CDT on Monday, March 24, 2025 to **aauwfellows@gmail.com**. **You are strongly encouraged to follow-up with the faculty members who are writing reference letters on your behalf, to ensure that all letters are received by the deadline. The Selection Committee is unable to consider incomplete portfolios.**

The applicant’s statement should summarize in 750 words or less the title of your dissertation and a description of your doctoral work. Explain how your project addresses the potential broad community, global impact; advancing the empowerment, equity, and status for women and girls; and/or relevance to social justice. The statement should include comments on your future professional objectives, and a list of your three greatest achievements. Do not include transcripts, your CV or research paper abstracts.

**You must be admitted to doctoral candidacy by the time you submit your application. The Graduate School Office will verify candidacy before forwarding application materials for consideration**. The Selection Committee is unable to consider applicants whose status as doctoral candidates, as of the deadline date, is not verified by the Graduate School Office.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Fellowship Selection Committee Chair, Joyce

Pulich, by email at joycepulich@sbcglobal.net.

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Information on Related Fellowships

*The following is provided for information only. AAUW Austin Branch does not administer or*
*participate in selection of recipients for any of the following fellowships.*

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Each year AAUW provides millions of dollars in fellowships, grants, and awards to outstanding women. AAUW also funds pioneering research on women, girls and education. Competition for these awards is nation-wide, but quite a few women at The University of Texas at Austin have competed successfully. Eligibility details and application forms are available on the national AAUW web site.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>

The Graduate Women International (formerly International Federation of University Women) also offers fellowships to support women pursuing advanced degrees. Many of these fellowships are restricted to certain fields of study and/or to citizens of particular countries other than the USA. More information is available from the website https://graduatewomen.org/what-we-do/grants-fellowships/

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