

## **Continuing Fellowships for RTF Studies Students**

Within the RTF Department, Continuing Fellowships are awarded to PhD students for the completion of their dissertations.

\*\* If selected within RTF to be nominated for the Campus-Wide Competition: then the selection of such awards is based on letters of recommendation from three faculty members, the student's CV, and the student's personal statement.

The RTF studies faculty recommends that personal statements include the following information:

### **1. Dissertation Project (800-1000 words)**

Please describe:

(a) the general research question and project of the dissertation, including its significance to the field;

(b) a detailed description of methodology and the data-gathering process;

(c) the date of the dissertation proposal defense and progress on any required revisions; and

(d) a brief timeline for remaining research and writing, as well as the approximate dissertation defense date.

### **2. Publications and Conference Presentations (100-150 words)**

Please indicate the highlights of any publications and/or conference presentations.

### **3. Teaching and Service (100-150 words)**

Please describe teaching and service during your time at UT, including assistantships (TA, AI, GRA) and participation in student professional activities both inside and outside the department.

Examples of professional activities include organizational or administrative work on conferences, such as Flow as well as the Women's and Gender Studies and American Studies annual student conferences; editorial work for *The Velvet Light Trap*, Flow, or other academic publications; participation in UT student radio or television; participation in student government; and mentorship of undergraduates (such as in the Intellectual Entrepreneurship program).

**4. If unusual circumstances merit faculty attention, please explain.**

For #2 and #3, take this as an opportunity to learn to highlight in prose form material that will also be on a vita.