

GUIDELINES

The Purdue Graduate School Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship AND COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship¹ College of Education

The Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship and the COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship are two separate awards, but are consolidated into one application and review process at the department level. Students will indicate on their application if they wish to be considered for one or both awards. However, students may not be awarded both. See below for the differences in the amount of funding and eligibility requirements for each award.

Deadlines:

- Dean's Office notifies Departments of the number of Bilsland Dissertation Fellowships and the number of COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarships that have been allocated to the department.
- Dean's Office solicits nominations in November.
- Nomination deadline for submissions to the Departments is the 3rd Friday in January. All awards are to be submitted electronically in PDF format to:
 - Curriculum and Instruction: Gina Haines (hainesg@purdue.edu)
 - Educational Studies: Jeannie Navarre (jnavarre@purdue.edu)
- Department committees review nominations and selects:
 - Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship recipients
 - COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship recipients
- Note, students will indicate on their application if they are applying for one or both awards, but can only receive one. Bilsland Awards provide full funding for 1 semester to 1 year, and thus should be granted first. The committee will consider for the COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship (a) the remaining Bilsland applicants who also applied for the COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship, and (b) applicants who only applied to the COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship.
- The Department committee will submit the following to Julie Correll at correllj@purdue.edu in the Dean's Office by 5:00 pm on the second Friday in February:
 1. Bilsland Fellowship Recipients -- Name, e-mail address, PUID #, program area, and Advisor name, and length (e.g., 1 semester, 1 year) for each student. The number of awards must not exceed the amount of fellowships allocated to the department.
 2. Dean's Dissertation Scholarship Recipients – Name, e-mail address, PUID#, program area, and advisor name for each student. The number of awards must not exceed the number allocated to the department.
- The college will notify student award winners.
- Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony following the April COE faculty meeting.

Purpose:

Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship – This Fellowship is funded by the Purdue University Graduate School. It includes a stipend/salary and tuition coverage for one semester to one year. It is awarded to PhD students who will enter their final year of their program. Recipients are expected

¹ The Dean's Dissertation Scholarship was formally called the Dean's Doctoral Scholarship. Named was changed in 2020-2021 to clarify its purpose.

to devote full-time effort to the completion of all requirements necessary to receive their doctoral degree at the conclusion of the year of funding. Exceptions are allowed for Counseling Psychology students who are eligible to apply for a Bilsland before their internship year.

COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship – This Scholarship is funded by the College of Education, and provides a one-time award of \$2,500 for an outstanding doctoral student who is currently completing dissertation research.

Application Procedures:

Each applicant should submit the following materials, electronically in PDF format, to the appropriate Department in the College of Education by the 3rd Friday in January.

- Application Form
- A summary of the dissertation project, not to exceed three pages (excluding bibliography)
- A letter of recommendation from the student's dissertation committee chair
- A statement of career goals; and
- A curriculum vitae or resume

Eligibility:

- Doctoral candidates must be in good standing in the College of Education and have passed their qualifying examinations.
- Have a valid Purdue e-mail address
- Have completed their Graduate Student Annual Review with their advisor
- Be registered for a minimum of three research credits during each semester of the award
- Bilsland recipients must have completed their coursework and be able to complete all doctoral degree requirements to receive the doctoral degree at the conclusion of the fellowship tenure. Exceptions are allowed for Counseling Psychology students who are eligible to apply for a Bilsland before their internship year.
- COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in the Fall semester. Past recipients of the Bilsland Fellowship are not eligible for this award.

Award:

- Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship – The tenure of the award is one year (12 months) or one semester as determined by the offer letter. The Purdue University Graduate School provides:
 - Stipend (standard minimum for .50 FTE)
 - Graduate Tuition scholarships
 - Medical insurance supplement
- COE Dean's Dissertation Scholarship - \$2,500 scholarship payable in the following fall semester (through the Division of Financial Aid) and certificate.