



***Russell H. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Dissertation Fellowship
Merit and Financial Need Assessment Tool***

Instructions to reviewers: Fill out the form for each of the applicants assigned to you; bring copy to evaluation meeting.

Applicant Name: _____

Department: _____

Level of Need
(result of FAFSA): _____

Very High Need = EFC \$ 1,000 – 5,999
High Need = EFC \$ 6,000 – 11,999
Moderately High Need = EFC \$ 12,000 – 17,999
Moderate Need = EFC \$ 18,000 – 23,999

1. Financial disclosure checklist

YES

NO

Does the applicant have the possibility of continued funding through their own department/ program for the next academic year?		
Does the applicant have a realistic chance of other grant/fellowship support for next year (based on a successful track record of getting external support?)		
Does the applicant have any special financial circumstances? (Use the comments section below to describe these.)		

2. Applicant's academic and professional achievements

Does the applicant have any peer reviewed publications (including articles, book chapters, conference proceedings)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the applicant have any non-reviewed publications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant presented his/her work at regional-level professional conferences/ workshops?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant presented work t national or international level professional conferences/ workshops?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant received any significant awards/ honors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant received any internal grant funding (do NOT include travel grants)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant received any external grant funding (e.g., NEH, NSF)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3. Nominee's departmental rank and justification of that ranking.

4. Endorsement from the dissertation director:

- a) How innovative and original is the dissertation?**
- b) Does the dissertation make a potential contribution to the applicant's field?**
- c) Additional comments?**