

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Weatherhead Center Fellowship Applications**

### **Q: How do I find out about WCFIA grants?**

A: Look on our website (<http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/>) and click on graduate and undergraduate opportunities. Read about various grant programs and within the text of each description are application links and instructions. The instructions have all the information on exactly what is required for the applications and the deadlines.

### **Q: How can I find out if my proposed research topic is the kind of topic that the Weatherhead Center supports?**

A: These Weatherhead Center's research interests are broadly defined to encompass research on international, transnational, global, and comparative topics (both contemporary and historical), including rigorous policy analysis, as well as the study of countries and regions other than the United States. If after reading the full description of the grant program, you are still unsure if your topic falls within the research interests of the Weatherhead Center, send an email with a short paragraph describing your topic to Clare Putnam or to Steve Bloomfield ([sbloomfield@wcfia.harvard.edu](mailto:sbloomfield@wcfia.harvard.edu)). One of them will respond to you letting you know if your topic is an appropriate fit for the Weatherhead Center.

### **Q: I am applying for more than one Weatherhead Center grant program. How many applications must I provide?**

A: You must submit a separate application for each grant program to which you are applying.

### **Q: How many letters of recommendation are required?**

A: Two letters of recommendation are required for all grant programs except for the Foreign Language grants, the Global History grants, and the Dissertation Completion.

### **Q: I am applying for more than one Weatherhead Center grant program. May I use the same letters of recommendation for multiple grant applications?**

A: Yes, you may ask your recommender to send one letter that the Weatherhead Center will then photocopy and add to the various grant programs to which you are applying.

**Q: May my recommenders email their letters to you instead of submitting a hard copy?**

A: Yes. They may email them directly to Clare at [cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu](mailto:cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu). They may email them in the body of an email or as an attachment with or without a signature as long as the email comes directly from the letter writer him or herself.

**Q: May my recommender send his or her letter in after the grant deadline?**

A: All materials including the letters are due by the application deadline. If for some reason your recommender cannot get the letter in by the deadline, contact Clare Putnam ([cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu](mailto:cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu)) asap.

**Q: How long does my proposal need to be?**

A: For the graduate grant programs, keep it under or close to 1000 words; for the undergraduate grants, keep it under or close to 750 words.

**Q: Do I have to provide an official grade transcript?**

A: No, you may provide a photocopy of a transcript or even a grade report print-out.