

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Elouise Cobell Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship

Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A: Eligible applicants must:

- Be an enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized tribe; and,
- Be considered a full-time student during the period of the award; and,
- Have completed all requirements for doctoral degree except for writing and defense at time of award; and,
- Be in pursuit of a first doctoral degree of any kind, at any time, in any field (professional doctorates (Psy.D., M.D., D.O., O.D., J.D., etc) do not qualify for this fellowship award).

Note: Combination academic doctorates Ph.D. with M.D. and Ph.D. with J.D. will be considered on a case-by-case basis upon review of a completed application.

Q: Are there any additional requirements?

A: If awarded the Elouise Cobell Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship, Fellows must:

- Set up direct deposit for award distribution; and,
- Attend the four-day Cobell Fellowship Symposium held July 14-19, 2024. This required Symposium will be hosted in Phoenix, AZ and paid for by Cobell, separate from the funding received as an award; and,
- Intend to enroll as a full-time student and will complete the dissertation in a period of 9-12 months during the 2024-2025 academic year, but no later than June 2025.

Q: When does the application open?

A: The application is available September 1 through January 10, 2024 at 11:59pm MST, without exception. All recommendations by dissertation chairs are due January 17, by 11:59pm MST, without exception.

Q: How do I apply?

A: The Elouise Cobell Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship applications are entirely online. The application can be accessed at https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/access_oasis. Note that this platform is different from previous years and from all Cobell/AISES opportunities - applicants will need to begin an entirely new application at the above link.

Q: How much is the award?

A: The award is up to \$30,000 per fellow per award term, plus additional monies to help offset any federal and state taxes.

Q: What are the award dates?

A: The first month of the Fellowship cycle will be June 2024, and then each month thereafter, with an anticipated graduation of May 2025, or earlier.

Q: How is the award distributed?

A: The Elouise Cobell Dissertation Writing-Year Fellowship is disbursed directly to the Fellow in 12 equal monthly payments.

Q: What is considered 'Full-time status'?

A: "Full-time status" at Cobell is always established in partnership with your university and your program.