July 1, 2025

Robert J. Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship in Classics

Call for Nominations 2026–2027
DEADLINE: Saturday, February 28, 2026

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison is pleased to announce it will be offering one Robert J. Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship in Classics for the 2026–2027 academic year. Made possible by Carl D. Reinhold in honor of his brother, Robert J. Reinhold, the fellowship is for an outstanding graduate student in an advanced stage of writing a dissertation supervised by a faculty member in Classics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** In years when funds are available, one fellowship is awarded. The deadline for nomination submission to IRH is **February 28, 2026**. Awards will be announced by the end of March 2026. The Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (CANES) Department will create its own internal deadline; interested students should check with the department for further information.

The Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend ($14,600), plus tuition remission, segregated fees, and graduate student health insurance benefits. Shared office space will be provided, as well as printing, scanning, and photocopying privileges. Dissertation fellows are expected to participate fully in the intellectual life of IRH by attending the weekly Monday seminars (3:30 - 5:00 pm) and by working from their office space during the semester that they are funded. Dissertation fellows may continue their association with IRH throughout the academic year of their fellowship regardless of the semester chosen for the stipend/tuition remission/health insurance. Dissertation fellows are also encouraged to join the informal lunches at IRH, weekly afternoon teas, writing groups, and various other IRH events throughout the year. Schedule permitting, dissertation fellows are given the option to present at a Monday Seminar and garner feedback from the IRH community.

Nominees must have had their dissertation proposals accepted and should have written at least one chapter of the dissertation before applying.

The CANES Department will select a nominee and send the required materials to the IRH Director for final approval by February 28, 2026. The CANES department may nominate the same candidate for the Reinhold and Dana-Allen Fellowships at IRH, or choose a different candidate for each fellowship competition.

Robert James "Otto" Reinhold (1934-2002) graduated with Honors from the Central Catholic High School in Green Bay (now Notre Dame Academy) in 1951 and graduated summa cum laude from St. Norbert College in 1957. During the 1960s, he was a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in the Classics Department. During that time, he worked at IRH gathering information for *Nestor*, the monthly periodical of Mycenaean studies. He left the University in 1965 after receiving his M.A. in Classics and became the president of the family's hardware stores in Milwaukee (Reinhold Ace Hardware), the oldest hardware store in Wisconsin until it closed in 2001. He very generously remembered IRH with yearly contributions. After his death in 2002, his family continued to make contributions to IRH to support dissertation fellowships in Classics.

Fellows may combine the Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship with another semester of support within an academic year, but the Reinhold Fellowship may **not** be combined with another major fellowship (e.g., ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, departmental awards), 33-50% project or teaching assistantship, or significant hourly position (over 20 hours/week) during the same semester that the fellow is receiving their Reinhold stipend from IRH. The Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship may not be deferred until a later date.

Nomination Materials

The nomination materials should be submitted to IRH via email by the nominating department (*not* the student) and should compile the following items:

- Completed Reinhold Nomination Form. PDF form available on the IRH website. The form is found in the "UW-Madison Dissertation Fellowships" section of the IRH fellowships webpage: https://irh.wisc.edu/irh-fellowships/ (scroll down to the expandable "internal fellowships" menu). Note that this application form requires a short 100-word dissertation *abstract* that is different from required dissertation *proposal* below.
- Project/dissertation proposal. Up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should include a description of the project and its significance, a chapter outline, a summary of work accomplished to date, and a plan of work to be undertaken during the fellowship term.
- Dissertation bibliography. Scholarship relevant to the project (up to 2 pages).
- *Curriculum Vitae*. Including work forthcoming and in progress.
- Letter of recommendation. From the student's dissertation director or advisor, which should address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, past work, and potential contributions to and benefits from being a fellow at IRH.

Nomination Submission

1) **For student**:
   - Request a recommendation letter from your dissertation director/advisor well before your department's application deadline. Your advisor should send the recommendation letter directly to the department administrator or faculty member coordinating Reinhold applications.

- Carefully complete the Reinhold Nomination Form (make sure you have the proper departmental contacts listed and that your dissertation abstract is capped at *100 words*).
- Collect and prepare the following documents: 1) 1,500-word dissertation proposal, 2) two-page dissertation bibliography, 3) CV.
- Combine nomination form and the 4 items above into a single PDF and submit to your department by their internal due date. (Note: your department may require additional materials. Check with your chair, DGS, and/or administrator.) The file should be named in the following format:

  Reinhold.2026-2027.ApplicantLastName.ApplicantFirstName.pdf

2) For department Chair/Administrator/DGS:

- Once the department has selected the candidate it would like to forward to IRH for consideration, it should combine the selected nominee's application packet pdf (see above) with the advisor's letter of recommendation. Save as a single pdf file named in the following format:

  Reinhold.2026-2027.NomineeLastName.Nominee FirstName.pdf
- Send the pdf file to Steven Nadler (smnadler@wisc.edu) and Katie Apsey (apsey@wisc.edu) by Saturday, February 28, 2026. With the following subject line: "Reinhold Dissertation Fellowship Nomination, 2026-2027, [Nominee Name]"
- *Please communicate across the department regarding the nomination. Inform all parties (chairs, director of graduate studies, graduate coordinators, administrators, and the student's advisor/dissertation director) of the nomination to assure proper award distribution. IRH will inform nominated candidates and the department of their acceptance before late March.*

Deadline

- Deadline for nomination submission to department (by applicant): Determined by the CANES Department; check with the department chair/administrator for the internal deadline, required application materials, and application process.
- Deadline for nomination submission to IRH (by department chair, administrator, or DGS): **Saturday, February 28, 2026.**

Inquiries

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact Steven Nadler, IRH Director (smnadler@wisc.edu; 608-262-8151).
- For all other questions about this fellowship, contact Katie Apsey, IRH Associate Director (apsey@wisc.edu; 608-262-3855).