



## THE AWARD

The **ACUNS Dissertation Fellowship Award** recognizes emerging students of extraordinary potential who have reached the stage of writing an advanced graduate-level dissertation on a topic of direct and demonstrable relevance to the United Nations and/or the UN system. Applications not thus related to the UN and/or UN system will not be considered.

An important component of the Award for its winner is the recognition of excellence that this entails throughout ACUNS' global community of scholars and practitioners. The Award also includes a monetary component in the amount of \$1,500.00 US.

In addition, the winner is encouraged to attend the ACUNS Annual Meeting in that same year, where she/he will be introduced and recognized as the Award winner. In that case, the winner will receive an Annual Meeting registration fee waiver (worth up to \$150 of the registration fee) plus an additional award of up to \$500 following the Meeting for the reimbursement of related travel and accommodations costs.

The Dissertation Award winner is encouraged to consider in the future submitting some written product to ACUNS' journal, *Global Governance*. Use of any materials, however, will be at the discretion of the journal editorial team and the normal peer review process.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the award should already be a student member of ACUNS. Information about joining ACUNS can be found at <http://acuns.org/join-renew/>. For applicants from the Global South whose financial status may preclude them from purchasing a membership, contact [admin@acuns.org](mailto:admin@acuns.org).

Eligible candidates may be citizens of any country and must be entering the writing stage of a PhD, JSD, or LLM level degree – for example, a doctoral candidate who has defended her/his dissertation proposal and who has completed the majority of field research, and who now is writing a first draft of the dissertation. It is not intended for students who already have completed, or who are about to complete, the writing, or who are about to defend their thesis (NB for students working in a UK-context of doctoral studies, the Award relates to students who are in the beginning of their final year/year three of registration and are in the process of writing up).

If you have any questions, or are not clear whether your application falls within the guidelines, you should contact the ACUNS Secretariat prior to submitting your application, at [admin@acuns.org](mailto:admin@acuns.org).

Applications must be received at the ACUNS Secretariat in full by **January 12, 2018**.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications can be submitted online at <http://acuns.org/da2018/> and must include all of the following:

- > The applicant's dissertation proposal or a similar description of the research, which must be no more than 25 pages (typed and double spaced) in length. The review committee will not examine any submissions longer in length than 25 pages;
- > The applicant's curriculum vitae;
- > Two letters of recommendation from faculty members who are familiar with the student's academic work, one of whom must be the applicant's dissertation supervisor. Only two letters should be provided.

Once your application is submitted, you will receive an email containing the URL link to the webpage where your two referees can upload their letters of recommendation. This email will also contain the essential details your references will need to complete their portion of this application. It is imperative that you forward this email to both of your references for them to be able to submit their reference letters.

You will be notified by the online system when a letter of recommendation has been submitted by one of your referees. Your application will not be considered if it remains incomplete by the submission deadline.

The winner will be notified by March 31, 2018. Once the Award has been accepted, ACUNS will notify all other applicants of the final decision, and details of the winning applicant's project will be posted on the ACUNS web site.

Due to the large number of applications received, ACUNS cannot provide any detailed response regarding the evaluation of any individual application.