Bilinski Pre-Dissertation Research Award - Guidelines

Department of Linguistics is proud to offer awards for the collection of (pre-)dissertation pilot data. These awards are aimed at students collecting data that will be used to complete a Qualifying Paper or support a dissertation prospectus. Upon completion of the award period, a 1-page report is required which describes the data collected and how this data fits in with the recipient's QP/dissertation prospectus. Moreover, recipients must present their results to the department in the Tuesday Seminar forum before they apply for any further Bilinski support. Recipients of this award are not eligible for support from the Linguistics Endowment Fund for the same project, nor are they permitted to hold a Graduate Assistantship for the duration of the fellowship.

Amount of award: Up to $5,000 per award
Duration of award: One (1) semester (where summer = one semester), start date = May 15, 2017.

Requirements for Application
1. A two-page proposal.
   This two-page, single-spaced proposal should succinctly describe the (i) theoretical/empirical research question and its importance to the field of Linguistics, (ii) the importance of the proposed data to answering the research question, (iii) the precise plan for how the data will be obtained, (iv) timeline for the completion of the data collection.
2. An application form, with advisor and applicant signatures
3. One-page budget form (with attachments as necessary)
4. Financial Need Certification form.
5. Current CV.

Requirements Upon Completion of the Award Period
1. A one-page report on the outcomes of the project.
2. A presentation of the results of the project in a Tuesday Seminar during the next academic year. Failure to present results will result in disqualification from all subsequent Bilinski Fellowships.

Notes
1. The award amount is up to $5,000. We Selection Committee reserves the right to reduce proposed budgets, and to award amounts below that requested in the application. In such cases, the applicant will be consulted before any decisions are reached.
2. Eligible expenses include ground/air travel, meals and accommodation, reasonable equipment requests, software, participant payments, etc.
3. The award period begins by default on May 15, 2017. The applicant may request an alternative award period, which should be done on the application form (question 7).