



ARNOLD L. MITCHEM DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

General Information

Marquette University is pleased to offer a fellowship program named in honor of Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, internationally recognized champion for educational opportunity. A Marquette alumnus (Ph.D., Education, 1981), Dr. Mitchem founded Marquette's Educational Opportunity Program and served as its Director from 1969-1986. Between 1986-2023, he served as the President of the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C. and he continues to serve as the President Emeritus. The Fellowship honors Dr. Mitchem's contributions on behalf of Marquette and the larger academic community contributions.

About the Mitchem Dissertation Fellowship Program

Currently **Mitchem Fellowships** provide one year of support for students with advanced candidacy in their doctoral programs in other U.S. universities. Fellows are to be in residence at Marquette University for the 2026-27 academic year (August 31 – May 14) during which they teach one (1) course in their area of specialization, interact with faculty and undergraduate students, give a public presentation, and devote their primary energies to the completion and defense of their dissertations. During their residence, Mitchem Fellows will also be mentored by a senior faculty mentor in his or her discipline, appointed by the fellow's department chair and collegiate dean in consultation with the Vice President of Belonging and Student Affairs.

Marquette University Mitchem Fellows will receive a \$43,520 salary stipend, fringe benefits, plus a \$7,000 stipend for moving and travel expenses for the 2026-27 academic year. No further reimbursements will be approved/compensated. The University will further provide library privileges, office space, access to computer, and clerical support equivalent to that enjoyed by regular faculty members in the department with which a Fellow is affiliated.

Eligibility

Persons are eligible to apply who have not earned a doctoral degree at any time or in any field, have completed all other requirements for the Ph.D., and are at the writing stage of their dissertation work.

Applications for the 2026-27 Fellowship are invited from the following academic areas: Anthropology, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Counseling Psychology, Counselor Education, Criminology and Law Studies, Educational Policy and Leadership, English, History, International Affairs, Journalism, Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Welfare and Justice, Sociology, or Theology and Religion.

In alignment with our mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university, the Mitchem Fellowship Program is especially interested in supporting research focused on African American, Latinx, First Nations/Native American Studies, or Race and Ethnic.

All applications for this position must be initiated through Marquette University's electronic recruiting system found at <https://employment.marquette.edu/>.

The full application packet should include:

A completed online application with the following attachments:

- Current curriculum vitae
- A letter of interest in the fellowship program and in Marquette University
- Dissertation prospectus limited to ten pages
- Description of teaching interests

The following forms should be sent via USPS to the address below or emailed to mitchem.fellowship@marquette.edu directly from the referee, the university or third party, such as Inter Folio, but not from the candidate:

- A progress toward degree form signed by the director of graduate studies or an academic dean in the student's graduate school or college
- Official graduate transcripts
- Three confidential letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's dissertation advisor

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For application materials please visit <https://www.marquette.edu/provost/mitchem-dissertation-program.php>. The application deadline is **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

A multidisciplinary faculty selection committee will review all applications in mid-May 2026 and submit nominations to the deans of the appropriate colleges, who appoint Mitchem Fellows in consort with the Office of the Provost. Finalists will be interviewed by committee members via Microsoft Teams. Fellowship recipients will be notified by early June 2026.

For further information, please write to "Mitchem Dissertation Fellowship Program" at the above-mentioned address or e-mail mitchem.fellowship@marquette.edu.