



Letter of Recommendation

Students: Complete the section below, certifying that you waive or do not waive access to this letter, and submit this form with the rest of your application. This will serve as the official record on file.

Students should provide a copy to their recommenders—or simply confirm that access has been waived and alert them to the guidelines below. In particular, please highlight the information in the last paragraph (*Your recommendation*). It is *not* necessary for the faculty member to submit this form with their letter.

Applicant's name _____
Name

Recommender _____
Recommender's name

Recommender's department or affiliation

I understand that federal legislation provides me with a right of access to this recommendation, which may be waived, but that no school or person can require me to waive this right.

By selecting yes, I waive my right to access this letter of recommendation. No Yes _____
Date

To the recommender

This student is applying for a doctoral training fellowship with the Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy. Harvard PhD students in the social sciences who are entering their G-2 or G-3 year in September 2020 are eligible to apply. This includes PhD students from economics, education, government, health policy, political economy and government, public policy, psychology, sociology, social policy, and other doctoral programs with a social science focus.

Students selected for these fellowships (Stone PhD Scholars, Wiener PhD Scholars) receive valuable financial support to carry out their work—generally a \$32,000 dissertation-stage fellowship and \$5,000 in individual research funds.

The Harvard Inequality & Social Policy program began in 1998 as a National Science Foundation IGERT initiative (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training) to foster innovative graduate education across traditional disciplinary boundaries. Over 285 **Harvard PhD alumni** and **students**—representing the next generation of PhD scholars in the social sciences—have now come through this program.

Support from the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation in 2016 has enabled the Harvard Kennedy School to continue and carry forward the Inequality & Social Policy program in additional new directions. A central priority of the Stone PhD Scholar fellowships is to cultivate scholars who will pursue new avenues of research on the vast concentrations of income and wealth in the upper-reaches of the distribution—those who will apply themselves to challenging problems, bringing rigorous empirical research to bear in illuminating the drivers of top-end inequality; its economic, political, and social consequences; and potential policies to counteract or mitigate its adverse effects.

Your recommendation: Faculty members who have received requests from multiple students may submit a **single letter** that briefly evaluates each student in turn. Please note there are ten fellowships in all: Half of the eight Stone PhD scholarships are specifically designated for students pursuing research on top-end income inequality or wealth concentration. Two additional Malcolm Hewitt Wiener PhD scholarships will support students working in the area of poverty and justice. In some circumstances, these resources might allow up to 12 PhD Scholars in all to be selected.

You may e-mail your recommendation directly to pamela_metz@harvard.edu

Recommendations due: **Fri, Jul 10 2020**. It is not necessary for faculty members to submit this form with their letter.