# Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship (DDF)

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## Rating Rubric

| Criterion | Rationale for Rating | | | | |
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| | Low | Good | Very Good | High | Very High |
| Academic Achievement (e.g., GPA, progression through degree program) | Low advancement | Good advancement | Very good advancement; possibly in addition to performing a few other responsibilities | High level of advancement; possibly in addition to performing several other responsibilities | Very high level of advancement; possibly in addition to performing many other responsibilities |
| Scholarly Achievement/Output/Contributions | Low scholarly achievements or recognitions; little work in progress relative to expectation in field of study | Few or no scholarly achievements or recognitions; some work in progress relative to expectations in field of study | Several scholarly achievements and works in progress or notable recognition relative to expectations in field of study | Many scholarly achievements and works in progress or notable recognition relative to expectations in field of study | Numerous scholarly achievements and works in progress or exceptional recognition relative to expectations in field of study |
| Letter of Recommendation | Indicate low achievements or recognition relative to expectations in field of study; indicate low performance as TA/RA; indicate low potential contribution of dissertation to new knowledge; indicate low other relevant strengths | Indicate good achievements or recognition relative to expectations in field of study; indicate good performance as TA/RA; indicate good potential contribution of dissertation to new knowledge; indicate good other relevant strengths | Indicate very good achievements or recognitions relative to expectations in field of study; indicate very good performance as TA/RA; indicate very good potential contribution of dissertation to new knowledge; indicate very good other relevant strengths | Indicate high achievements or recognitions relative to expectations in field of study; indicate high performance as TA/RA; indicate high potential contribution of dissertation to new knowledge; indicate high other relevant strengths | Indicate exceptional achievements or recognition relative to expectations in field of study; indicate exceptional performance as TA/RA; indicate exceptional potential contribution of dissertation to new knowledge; indicate exceptional other relevant strengths |