The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program of the U. S. Department of Education provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral or at the Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

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Selected fields in the Arts include Creative Writing, Music Performance, Theory, Composition, and Literature, Studio Arts (including Photography), Television, Film, and Cinematography, Theater Arts, Playwriting, Screenwriting, Acting, and Dance.

Selected fields in the Humanities include Archaeology, Area Studies, Classics, Comparative Literature, English Language and Literature, Folklore, Folklife, Foreign Languages and Literature, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Religion *, Speech, Rhetoric, and Debate, Art History, and Less Commonly Taught Languages [Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Indic family (Hindi, Urdu, Sinhala, Bengali, Nepali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Oriya, Assamese, etc.), Iranian family (Dari, Farsi, Tajiki, Kurdish, Pashto, Balochi, etc.), and Turkic family (Turkish, Azerbaijani/Azeri, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkmen, Uzbek, Uyghur, etc.)].

Selected fields in the Social Sciences include Anthropology, Communications and Media, Criminology, Economics, Ethnic and Cultural Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology *, Public Policy and Public Administration, and Sociology *.

UW-Eau Claire graduate students who will complete the master’s degree in 2009-10 and want to immediately continue on in 2010-11 for a doctorate at another institution in one of the selected fields should contact Dr. Patricia Quinn, Special Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Graduate Studies to learn more about this opportunity. UW-Eau Claire graduate alumni with plans to continue on in 2010-11 for a doctorate at another institution are welcome to contact Dr. Quinn as well. (quinnpa@uwec.edu or 836-6046)

* Fellowships cannot be used for students studying for a religious vocation, or for study for a Masters degree or Ph.D. in clinical psychology or social work.