**BERTIE KETNER SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**OPEN TO:** FADP students who have advanced to candidacy (dissertation stage)

**QUALIFICATION:** Dissertation project is interdisciplinary in nature (see below) and meets highest qualitative standards

- **Interdisciplinary:** Combines at least two of three VPA areas, or one arts discipline plus another such as anthropology, English, or law

**PREFERRED CHARACTERISTIC:** Completion is anticipated within one year

**TERMS:** One-time award; no recipient of a Bertie Ketner Scholarship may apply for a second.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**
Each FADP field of specialization (major) submits up to 1 qualifying candidate for consideration in a given year’s competition. Students' application materials are submitted to the graduate advisor of the field of specialization. The graduate advisor (director or coordinator) of each field of specialization coordinates the selection process at the department/school level.

- **Application Materials:**
  - Abstract of project, with concise bibliography (no more than 3 pages total, double-spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins)
  - C.V. that includes any activities, honors, etc., related to the project (5 pages maximum)
  - List of courses taken that reflect interdisciplinary study
  - 1 or 2 letters of support that address criteria for award. One must include advisory chair's certification of 1) applicant’s cumulative GPA, 2) project and 3) progress

**DUE DATE:**
Each field of specialization submits its nominee to the director of the FADP no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday of the May Graduate Commencement.

**COLLEGE-LEVEL SELECTION PROCESS:**
A single nomination for the award is selected by the CVPA Awards & Research Committee, chaired by the associate dean who is director of the FADP. The committee’s recommendation is forwarded to the scholarship program’s executive director, the dean of the CVPA, for approval or disapproval of the selection.

- **Criteria:** Highest qualitative standards include holistic assessment of...
  - the likelihood of making unusually significant contribution to knowledge (not necessarily a specific discipline)
  - the degree of synthetic interdisciplinarity or transdisciplinarity (vs. side-by-side combination of disciplines)
  - progress to date (i.e., is it likely that the project will be completed within a year?)
  - amount & quality of coursework that supports extra-disciplinary aspects
  - related awards, honors, professional presentations
  - the degree of support stated in letters of recommendation
  - cumulative GPA
THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MAY REJECT ALL APPLICANTS IF IT THINKS NO PROJECT FULFILLS HIGHEST QUALITATIVE STANDARDS.

Executive Director: Dean

Chair of Selection Committee: Associate Dean & Director of FADP

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