

## Suggested Structure for the PhD Program

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<p><b>Fourth year:</b> Art Hum Teaching Fellowship or Departmental Dissertation Fellowship</p> <p><b>Fifth year:</b> Departmental Dissertation Fellowship, Teaching Fellowship or External Fellowship (e.g., CASVA)</p> <p><b>Sixth year:</b> CU or External Dissertation Fellowship, if positions and funding is available, Art Hum Teaching Fellowship.</p> <p><b>Seventh year:</b> Dissertation Fellowship or Art Hum Teaching Fellowship as awarded. Complete, defend and deposit dissertation.</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> All recipients of a Columbia University Fellowship, whether pre-MPhil or dissertation-stage, must apply for funding from external sources as well. Consult the fellowship bulletin board outside 826, look for email notices, and visit the GSAS fellowship database for application information. All departmental fellowship awards including teaching positions are competitive. Applications for Departmental fellowships are due in early March. Interviews for teaching positions take place in April. Other CU fellowships (e.g., Reid Hall, CU Travel) have February deadlines and many external sources of funding have autumn application deadlines. All students in the sixth or later year (fifth w/Advanced Standing) must submit the Report on Dissertation Progress each May.</p>										