To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is attached to address my eligibility for the Neill & Anne Kerwin Doctoral Fellowship. I believe I qualify for the award because:

1. I have completed all my comprehensive exams, having completed my environmental comprehensive exam with distinction in Spring of 2017, and my Public Administration comprehensive in the Fall of 2017 with a pass.
2. My dissertation proposal, with Dr Erdal Tekin as my chair, was approved in May, 2018.
3. I am dedicated to a career in university teaching. I have demonstrated this by actively seeking out teaching experience at American University including working for two years as the Department of Public Administration and Policy’s economics and statistics tutor, and having just completed teaching PUAD-260 Administrative Politics as an adjunct professor.
4. I intend to devote my time working on my dissertation over the coming year. My primary focus for the 2018-19 school year is to complete my dissertation, attend conferences related to my job aspirations and research interests, and to prepare to enter the academic job market to commence work by Fall semester, 2019.
5. My dissertation is on track to be completed within the time frame of the fellowship. I have access to all the data I need to complete my empirical questions, and have no roadblocks that are preventing me from working on any of my chapter topics.

Yours faithfully,

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