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- A five-page dissertation prospectus which clearly explains the main thesis of the dissertation, its original contribution to the field, discussion of key primary sources or archives, and the current status of the dissertation.
- Any chapters already drafted.
- A two-page curriculum vita.
- A letter from the applicant's major professor.