



Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2020-21 Call for Applications

The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies will award up to six Graduate Student Research Fellowships in the amount of \$5,000 each for the 2020-21 academic year. These fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. They aim to assist outstanding graduate students in pursuing their dissertation research. This fellowship program has been funded by a generous gift from Kenneth and Frances Aftel Eisenberg.

Graduate Fellows form a core part of the institute community and are expected to participate regularly in institute events. Graduate Fellows will collaborate in designing/organizing the Friday workshops presented in 2020-21. This provides the fellows greater autonomy in shaping coherent scholarly forums around matters of interest to them. Fellows will convene in April 2020 shortly after the awards have been announced to begin the planning process.

Eligibility: The institute invites applications from University of Michigan graduate students in History and joint-History programs who are entering at least their second year of graduate training. Fellows are expected to maintain Ann Arbor residency during the fall and winter terms of their award, with exceptions for short research, conference, or personal leaves of absence. Prior Graduate Student Research Fellows are not eligible to reapply for this award.

Award: The Graduate Student Research Fellowship consists of a \$5,000 taxable research grant disbursed in two payments for research-related purposes in July 2020 and January 2021. Funds may be used as soon as they are available.

Application: The application consists of the following:

- A brief statement of ongoing research (or dissertation prospectus) and why affiliation with the institute might be particularly useful (400-750 words).
- A research plan for the fellowship period, with estimated research expenses if applicable (250-500 words).
- A recommendation from the applicant's dissertation chair or co-chair (visit lsa.umich.edu/eihs/grantsfellowships/graduatestudentresearchfellowships for form). Applicants are responsible for ensuring their advisors submit these forms by the application deadline; incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- A curriculum vitae.

Submit complete applications via email (eisenberginstitute@umich.edu) by February 28, 2020. Institute staff will confirm receipt.

Notification: Fellowship awards will be made by the institute's Steering Committee and announced in March or April 2020. The institute will contact each applicant regarding the outcome of his/her application.