

Center for Puerto Rican Studies/Hunter College/CUNY

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RESEARCH & FELLOWSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

Summer 2015 and 2015-16 Academic year

The Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Centro) seeks proposals for fellowships and applications for other research opportunities in Puerto Rican studies. Centro will provide limited funding on a competitive basis for the study and interpretation of the Puerto Rican experience in the United States. Centro is committed to facilitating research projects and useful to those in community organizations, public policy, and academia.

Centro Research Exchange Program	Application deadlines
Frank Bonilla Fellows (Hunter College undergrads and graduate students)	February 13, 2015 for Spring 2015 June 12, 2015 for Summer 2015 September 11, 2015 for Fall 2015
Doctoral Dissertation Fellows (for Ph. D candidates) (summer session only)	May 1, 2015*
Historical Preservation and Research Fellows (for MA, MS, MLS candidates or recent graduates (summer session only))	May 1, 2015*
Visiting Faculty Fellow (only CUNY full time faculty are eligible)	May 15 for Fall 2015, October 1, 2015 for Spring 2016

Note: Awards will be made to qualified applicants depending on funding availability.

* **Summer session: June-August, 5-11 weeks. This is only time period when Hunter dormitory residence is available.**

Centro Research Exchange Program Guidelines

Frank Bonilla Fellows (Hunter College undergrads and graduate students) This fellowship supports the advancement of the field of Puerto Rican Studies in honor of the legacy of Dr. Frank Bonilla (1925-2010), Thomas Hunter Professor Emeritus, Hunter College of the City University of New York and the founding Director of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies. The fund support undergraduate and graduate students who express a strong interest in Puerto Rican Studies and their research in this field. Students for this category will submit a one page proposal on a topic related to Puerto Rican Studies and commit to work with researchers at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies or with faculty affiliated with the Puerto Rican/Latino Studies Sequence of the Department of Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies at Hunter College. Near the end of each semester submissions for the best research papers will be reviewed. Frank Bonilla Fellows receive a stipend of up to \$1000. A selection committee will evaluate proposals and research papers and make a determination for the awards. Students are eligible to receive only one of the awards.

Historical Preservation and Research Fellows--The purpose of these awards is to assist MA, MS, MLS candidates or recent graduates complete a research or historical preservation project. Fellowship projects may include, for example, the completion of a publishable research paper, a digital exhibit based on our library or archival collections, the curation of a traveling exhibit, a series of articles for our

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eMagazine Voices, a video documentary, an open courseware, the development of web pages for Barrios or other sections in Voices, or teaching guides for our educational products. Priority will be given to proposals for projects that address underrepresented topics, individuals or communities in our current library and archival holdings, and to projects conducted in collaboration with Centro researchers and other professional staff. Fellows will receive a modest stipend and are eligible for summer dorm housing (if required).

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellows –The purpose of these awards is to assist Ph.D. candidates complete research and write their dissertations. Successful applicants would have completed all program requirements and have a dissertation proposal approved by their doctoral program. Candidates who can avail themselves of the primary resources available at CENTRO are given priority. Additionally, candidates whose research complements the work of senior faculty and research associates at CENTRO are also prioritized given the mentoring component built into the fellowship. CENTRO fellows will be provided critical feedback by assigned mentors and will conduct field work and/or produce chapters of the dissertation in progress, and/or make revisions to chapter drafts. Our objective is to support doctoral students by providing them with the resources to engage in sustained research and writing at a critical juncture in their career. Dissertation fellows will receive a modest stipend and are eligible for summer dorm housing (if required).

Visiting Faculty Fellows – (open to full time CUNY faculty only). The purpose of these awards is to provide CUNY junior faculty members with course release time to allow them to further develop a defined scholarly agenda leading to publication. Faculty who can avail themselves of the primary resources available at CENTRO are given priority. Additionally, faculty whose research complements the work of senior faculty and research associates at CENTRO are also prioritized given the mentoring component built into the fellowship. CENTRO fellows will receive critical feedback by assigned mentors in the production of peer reviewed articles and book length manuscripts in progress. Our objective is to create a venue to support junior scholars, and especially to retain faculty in the CUNY system, by providing them with the resources to engage in sustained research and writing at a critical juncture in their career. For CUNY faculty, Centro will provide up to four course release support for the semester at the adjunct replacement costs as specified by the faculty union contract. The fellowship proposal must include a letter of endorsement from the chairperson of the home department. It is expected that fellows devote time to their proposed publications and as such fellows will be expected to be in-residence on a full-time basis at CENTRO during the semester for full financial support, or a prorated time residency based on course releases for partial support.

General information

- Appointments usually begin at the commencement of each term on the Hunter academic calendar.
- When fellows use primary materials from the CENTRO Library and Archives collections our senior archivists will work with them to facilitate their research.
- We will select a senior mentor from among Centro researchers or professional senior staff to help fellows achieve their career goals.
- They will also be provided with a Hunter ID card, adequate work space, access to computer work station, internet and printer, and limited clerical support during the term of the fellowship.

TO APPLY: Submit a one page proposal and a copy of your updated cv or resume to Centro Associate Director José de Jesús via email (see address posted below). The application includes (1) a cover letter

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that details what project you propose to do during your fellowship with Centro and the time period you want to be considered for and (2) either a current CV or resume. In addition, dissertation fellows must indicate their current status in pursuit of the degree. Frank Bonilla Fellows must indicate a mentor who will supervise their project. All applicants should indicate which Fellows program you are applying for on the subject line of the email.

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