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.

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

**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.

**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.

**Centro (Post-Doc)** The ideal candidate for this full-time staff position at Centro will be a recent graduate from a Ph.D. program with a "post-doc" project for completion, such as converting a dissertation into a book, publishing chapters of a dissertation in peer-reviewed journals, or writing articles or chapters for a book in a new area of research where all data has been collected. English and Spanish fluency are required. The appointment will be for one year with a current annual salary of $44,849. Availability and application deadlines to this position are announced periodically. Please view CUNY website vacancy postings for deadline and application procedures [http://cuny.edu/employment.html](http://cuny.edu/employment.html).

**General information**
- 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 deJesús via email (see address posted below). The application includes (1) a cover letter 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. 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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