

Call for Applications

IUPLR Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowships for Latina/o, Puerto Rican or Dominican Studies-Focused Dissertations in the Humanities

Deadline: January 31, 2015

The Center for Puerto Rican Studies and the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute are pleased to announce a new **IUPLR Mellon Fellowship** for doctoral students completing a Latina/o, Puerto Rican or Dominican studies-focused dissertation based on humanities disciplines and methods. The fellowship includes a \$25,000 stipend; travel support to attend IUPLR conferences to present research; and participation in a two-week summer institute. The fellowship is intended to facilitate completion of the dissertation and to provide professional development workshops and mentoring.

The Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), with support from the Andrew G. Mellon Foundation, will select six fellows through five designated research centers: the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; the Center for Mexican American Studies at University of Texas-Austin; the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute and the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at City University of New York; and the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at University of Illinois-Chicago. At least one fellowship will be awarded to candidates recommended by a participating center for 2015-16.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must have advanced to candidacy, be completing a dissertation focused on Latina/o, Puerto Rican or Dominican studies in the humanities at CUNY, and planning to pursue a career in teaching or research. Applicants must have completed all degree requirements and have a portion of the dissertation already drafted. During the fellowship year, recipients must be registered and enrolled in at least 12 units during the entire academic year.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ▶ Vita
- ▶ Prospectus, including chapter outline
 - Completed chapters (preferably 2-3)
 - Writing plan that demonstrates the ability to finish the dissertation by the end of the fellowship year.
- ▶ Recommendation letters from the dissertation chair and a Latina/o, Puerto Rican or Dominican studies faculty member who will serve as a mentor during the fellowship year. In some cases these may be the same person. Please note that recommendation letters must be sent by the authors, not the applicant, directly to the contact below by the application deadline.

DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Application materials must be submitted by **January 31, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST.** Decisions will be made by February 28, 2015. Selected fellows and mentors will attend the IUPLR Siglo XXI Conference, University of Notre Dame, April 23-25, 2015, and the IUPLR Summer Institute in Chicago, Summer 2015. Participation is mandatory. Fellowship stipends will begin July 1, 2015.

WHERE TO SEND APPLICATIONS

Application materials must be submitted by email as PDFs. PDFs may be combined or sent individually. For your protection, please include your first initial and last name within each file name. Email queries and application materials to both:

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