

The Frank Bonilla Fellowship is a one-semester program offered to Hunter College undergraduate and graduate students interested in Puerto Rican Studies and research in the field. This fellowship supports the advancement of the field of Puerto Rican Studies in honor of the legacy of Dr. Frank Bonilla (1925-2010).

Fellowships begin at the start of each Fall and Spring semester. Frank Bonilla Fellows receive a stipend of \$1,000. Fellows will meet with researchers at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, to complete a research paper or project, by the end of the semester.

# Frank Bonilla Fellows

**\$1,000  
Award**

## To apply, submit:

- A one page proposal that expresses your interest in completing a research paper or project related to the Puerto Rican Diaspora's experiences in the United States or exploration and analysis of Puerto Rican history, culture, and heritage. Projects may include online multimedia exhibits, curations of art or musical content for online publication, or other similar projects.
- A current resume;
- Email both documents to José de Jesús, Associate Director, Center for Puerto Rican Students, at [jdejesus@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:jdejesus@hunter.cuny.edu).

**Applications are accepted through out the Fall and Spring semesters**



## Who was Frank Bonilla?

Dr. Frank Bonilla was a revered leader in the Puerto Rican community, scholar, activist and humanitarian. Dr. Bonilla founded and served as first director of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College (Centro). He dedicated his career to giving Latinos and other underrepresented groups a voice in the academic world. His scholarship concentrated on Puerto Rican and Latino studies, focusing in particular on the political and economic forces that engender exploitation and injustice. He began his academic career in 1960 with the American Universities Field Service in Latin America and then joined the political science department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), pursuing his interests in Latin America. He taught at Stanford University and the CUNY Graduate Center before being appointed Thomas Hunter Professor of Sociology at Hunter College. As Centro's director from 1973 to 1993, he helped define the field of Puerto Rican studies and established Centro as a vital academic and community resource. While at Centro, he co-founded the Inter-University Program for Latino Research; worked for community empowerment and against the disproportionate imprisonment of members of communities of color; worked to deter institutional racism, and advanced prison-based education and other prison reforms.

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