



Harvard University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights

SUMMER SENIOR THESIS RESEARCH GRANT IN LATINA/O STUDIES

The Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR) and the Observatorio of Instituto Cervantes at Harvard award summer grants to assist Harvard juniors with research for a senior honors thesis in areas related to Latinx Studies. The department(s) in which the thesis will be written is open. Applicants may be pursuing Ethnic Studies under History and Literature or in the Latina/o EMR secondary field, but neither is a requirement. Recent winners' research topics have included disproportionate effects of climate change on Latinx Californians, the Cuban food system and its implications for agricultural relations with the U.S., and Latina representation in television.

Grantees must spend a minimum of six weeks engaged in research activities. Special consideration will be given to projects for which there are fewer sources of funding offered through other campus entities (e.g. projects requiring domestic travel).

Eligibility

All Harvard College students with junior standing in Spring 2018 and who intend to write a senior honors thesis are eligible to apply.

Awards

Grants generally range from \$1000 to \$2500, and the number of awards is subject to available funds. Grants may be used to cover the costs of travel, housing, food, and research-related expenses. In the budget proposal, please itemize research (equipment, travel, participant payments) and summer living (rent, food, local transit) expenses. Your proposed budget should reflect a realistic and complete estimate of what you will need for at least 6 weeks of summer research. This grant will likely be partial funding, and you are encouraged to apply to multiple funding sources. **Funds cannot be disbursed for projects requiring IRB approval until approval is obtained.**

In addition to the monetary award, EMR will pair each award recipient with a graduate student mentor in an appropriate field. Mentors and mentees will meet at least once before summer research begins, and will remain in contact through the summer and school year, until the thesis is submitted.

Program Components and Requirements

Each student will conduct research under the direction of a faculty mentor. Mentors may be affiliated with any faculty of Harvard University. Grantees must submit a copy of their completed thesis to EMR by **May 15, 2018**.

Application Process

Incomplete applications will not be considered. To apply, please complete an [online application](#) via these steps:

1. Log into [CARAT](#)
2. Click “Browse Opportunities and Apply.”
3. Type “EMR” in keyword search box and click, “Go”
4. From the search results, select “Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR) Summer Senior Thesis Research Grant, Latino Studies.”

Requirements:

- Online application: The CARAT website will prompt you to fill out an online form which includes demographic data, a general project description, contact information for letter writer(s), and a budget.
- Written project proposal (PDF file): Your proposal must include your project objectives and your plans for meeting them (750-word maximum). Include a clear statement of your project thesis. Be explicit about the methods you will use and your disciplinary preparation for the project (i.e., linguistic or methodological training). Also, please provide information about the role your faculty mentor will take in your project.
- Brief bibliography (PDF file): In addition to your project proposal, list five sources that you’ve consulted or intend to consult that are important for your project.
- Resume (PDF file): One-page current resume
- Transcript (PDF file): Current unofficial transcripts are accepted
- Original letter of recommendation: Preferably, letters will be written by the mentor or advisor who will be working with you on the proposed project. Be sure to provide your letter writer with a copy of your proposal to help them prepare to write your letter. Letters must arrive by the application deadline via CARAT. Alternatively, letters may be sent via mail or hand delivery in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal. If sent via email, letters should be in PDF format, on letterhead, and include an electronic signature. Emailed letters must be sent directly from the recommender to emr@fas.harvard.edu.

Deadline

All application materials must be received by **Friday, February 9, 2018**.

Contact

Question and letters can be directed to:

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