

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**2020 SPRING AND SUMMER GRANT PROGRAMS**

The Department of History is pleased to announce four categories of grants to support graduate student research and professional development. Please read the below categories carefully, as each has slightly different eligibility requirements.

Determination of grant recipients will be made by the Graduate Committee. The Committee hopes to fund as many promising projects as possible, so we reserve the right to provide partial funding. Despite these efforts, we may not be able to support all projects.

**1. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANTS** The department will provide up to THREE grants of \$8,000 in funds for professional expenses (normally professional travel, research expenses, or research materials) to highly qualified graduate students whose projects will benefit from “seed grant” style research funding. Recipients of Dissertation Research Grants are expected to use these awards to make themselves more competitive for major external funding, conduct research likely to lead to publication opportunities, and to produce high quality dissertations in a relatively short period of time.

Funds awarded under this grant do not need to be spent during the 2019-20 academic year, but successful applications must demonstrate that the use of these funds will begin prior to August 31, 2020. To be eligible, students must have completed all requirements for the PhD except their dissertation between January 1, 2018 and February 17, 2020.

Unsuccessful applicants for this award will automatically be considered for the Spring and Summer Research Grant program described below.

To be considered for this award, please submit the following documents to Mary Speelman ([marylgspeelman@tamu.edu](mailto:marylgspeelman@tamu.edu)) as a PDF by the close of business on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020**:

1. A proposal not to exceed three single-spaced pages explaining your project, its historical significance, the specific uses to which you plan to put any funds made available, and how these funds will enhance and speed the progress of your dissertation.
  2. A detailed budget
  3. A letter of support signed by your primary academic advisor.
- Please note that these grants are designed to reimburse students for expenses and cannot be used as stipendiary support.

**2. SPRING AND SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Department of History is pleased to make available funds to assist in spring and summer research. These funds are intended primarily to support research, so priority will be given to applications from students who are ABD.

Funding for these grants is provided by the College of Liberal Arts on a “use it or lose it” basis. Any funds that are not expended by August 31, 2020 will be reclaimed by the college. Any successful proposal must address how all funds will be spent by that date. Any student whose research account leaves 50% or more of allocated funds unexpended will not be eligible for conference or research support from the

department during the 2020-21 academic year. Exceptions will only be made in cases of medical or family emergency.

There will be two categories of Research Grants:

1. Grants for PhD students conducting dissertation research. Grants will not exceed \$5,000. Students applying for such grants must have completed all requirements for the PhD except the dissertation, including preliminary examinations and a defended PhD prospectus, by February 17, 2020. These grants are normally intended to support research travel, though other uses (such as the purchase of material collections necessary for dissertation research) will be considered.
2. Grants for MA and pre-dissertation research. Grants will not exceed \$3,000 and will be available to all currently enrolled full-time students not eligible for category #1. These grants are normally intended to support research travel, though other uses (such as the purchase of material collections necessary for dissertation research) will be considered.

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1. A proposal not to exceed two single-spaced pages explaining your project, its historical significance, the specific uses to which you plan to put any funds made available, and how these funds will enhance and speed the progress of your dissertation.
2. A detailed budget
3. A letter of support signed by your primary academic advisor.

**3. SPRING AND SUMMER TRAVEL TO CONFERENCE GRANTS:** In addition, funding will also be made available for travel to conferences between January 15 and September 1, 2020. In general, students will be eligible to receive \$400 for local conferences (those within relatively easy driving distance, such as Houston, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, or San Antonio), \$700 for national conferences, and \$1,000 for international conferences. As a reminder, students are only eligible to receive conference travel funding once per academic year.

Students will not be eligible for a Summer Travel to Conference Grant if they have received funding from the Dissertation Research Grant or Spring and Summer Research Grant programs in the current cycle. Applications will be due to Mary Speelman ([marylgspeelman@tamu.edu](mailto:marylgspeelman@tamu.edu)) as a PDF by the close of business on **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 for spring conference travel and MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 for summer conference travel**. If funds remain, additional consideration will be given to students who apply for and are accepted to summer conferences after this date. Application should include:

1. A brief cover letter that includes the title of the paper, the significance of the conference, and a proposed budget.
2. A copy of the invitation or letter of acceptance. In the event that acceptance decisions have not been made at the time of application, please include evidence that the paper proposal has been submitted.

**4. SUMMER LANGUAGE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:** The Department of History will provide grants of up to \$6,000 for students to pursue intensive language study or other professional development opportunities during the Summer of 2020.

Professional development opportunities are generally advanced methodological training not available at TAMU (software, statistics, digital methods, etc). Applicants must make a compelling case that such training is necessary for the completion of their dissertation.

Graduate students pursuing research in multiple languages require access to high-quality language training. Generally, eligible programs will involve daily, and likely residential, immersion language study. They may be either outside or inside the United States. Funds may be used for tuition and living expenses while pursuing language study. Courses offered at TAMU or other local institutions are generally not eligible for funding. Language Training Grants can only be provided to students who require language study for dissertation research purposes and MAY NOT be used solely for the purposes of fulfilling departmental language proficiency requirements.

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1. A proposal not to exceed two single-spaced pages in length outlining the need for methodological or foreign language study as part of your dissertation research and the program to which you are applying. Feel free to attach relevant information about the course or language program to which you are applying.
2. A detailed budget
3. A letter of support from your primary academic advisor addressing the specific need for methodological or advanced language training.

Students will not be eligible for a Summer Language Training and Professional Development Grant if they have received funding from the Dissertation Research Grant or Spring and Summer Research Grant programs in the current cycle.