



Term-Time Grant for Dissertation Research, 2008-09



INTRODUCTION. The Warren Center's term-time grants for dissertation research are one component of the Center's overall program for the support of Harvard graduate students working in American history. The other such awards are term-time grants for dissertation completion and summer grants for dissertation research. For the sake of clarification, we summarize immediately below several details regarding these three grants which have been the source of recent confusion.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT (TERM-TIME): Complete the application form contained within this document and submit with other necessary materials to the Center no later than March 12, 2008. The same Warren Center committee described in the paragraph below will review the research grant applications. However, these awards are not included in the GSAS-led coordination process. By long-standing Warren Center policy, this grant may not be held concurrently with another for the same purpose. Awards will be communicated by the Warren Center, in April.

DISSERTATION COMPLETION GRANT (TERM-TIME): Complete the GSAS Standard Application Form and submit, with other necessary materials, to the Warren Center not later than March 12, 2008. A sub-committee of the Center's Administrative Committee will identify awardees and a waitlist; these results will be shared with the GSAS Fellowships Office and other centers offering dissertation completion awards. The GSAS Fellowships Director will lead a process identifying multiple awards to individual applicants, the purpose of which is that each applicant receive one grant. Final awards will be communicated by the Warren Center, in April.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT (SUMMER): Beginning with the spring 2008 applications, award of the Warren Center Summer Grants will be coordinated with the GSAS and other Harvard research centers. The new deadline is March 12, 2008 and the application form is on the GSAS website (follow a link from the Warren Center site; note that the Warren Center's March 12 deadline is later than the GSAS's summer grant deadline of February 29). The coordination process will emulate that described above, under completion grants. Since the purpose of coordination is one grant per student, and Warren Center policy has always had a similar objective, we anticipate that coordination will not substantially alter the Center's grant outcomes (which number, typically, 15-20 per summer). Awards will be communicated by the Warren Center, in April.

The foregoing is meant to clarify recent changes, and details which some have found confusing. For complete information regarding Warren Center graduate grants, consult our website (url below). With questions or concerns regarding these matters, contact Arthur Patton-Hock, Warren Center Associate Director (apattonh@fas).

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WARREN CENTER TERM-TIME GRANT FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH

PURPOSE. Warren Center term-time grants for dissertation research are semester-long awards available to Harvard Ph.D. candidates working on topics in American history. Their purpose is to enable sustained research free from teaching responsibilities in the fall or spring terms.

DURATION OF AWARD. One semester (September 2008 to January 2009, or February 2009 to June 2009). The awardee may determine the semester of receipt.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF AWARDS. The Center offers two to six term-time grants for research annually. The grant stipend is equivalent to the one-semester amount set for GSAS stipendiary support. Warren Center grants will also cover one semester of “tuition” charges (facilities fee and health insurance) for G-5s and above, but will not pay tuition or fees for students through G-4, as such charges are typically otherwise covered through the fourth year.

ELIGIBILITY.

1. The project must be centered in American history and the methodology must be historical.
2. Completion of all departmental requirements and an approved Ph.D. dissertation prospectus.
3. Warren Center term-time grants for dissertation research are available to students who will be G-6 or below during the award period.
4. A student may not hold this award for more than one semester of his or her graduate career.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. Teaching concurrent with grant receipt is not permitted, except for the direction of one senior thesis.
2. Ordinarily, the grant may not be combined with grants from other sources (exceptions may be made for smaller awards). Awardees must inform the Center if they receive alternate funding. However, students may apply for and receive a Warren Center summer grant in the summer preceding a term-time award.
3. Successful applicants must use the semester award in the year for which they applied.
4. Warren Center graduate grants are administered through the GSAS Financial Aid Office, which requires that all necessary financial statements and forms be on file before a check can be issued. For most, this will present no problem, but anyone not currently registered with the Financial Aid Office should contact the appropriate GSAS financial aid officer (Holyoke Center Third Floor).

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES. Applications must be submitted on March 12, 2008 to the Warren Center (Emerson Hall, Fourth Floor). A complete application includes the items listed below. The Warren Center needs one copy only, the original.

- Warren Center Application Form (see below).
- Current resume, not to exceed two pages.
- Current official transcript.
- Statement of purpose (two to four pages, double-spaced) detailing the dissertation's conceptual scheme and describing the relevance of the proposed research plans to the thesis as a whole. You may also attach a bibliography identifying major primary and secondary sources. In crafting these submissions, keep in mind the many benefits of conciseness.
- One letter of recommendation from the dissertation adviser. Direct the recommender to themselves send letters to the Warren Center by the deadline. Or, collect the letters for submission along with the rest of the application. If the latter, letters should be in sealed envelopes, signed across the seal.

DEADLINE: March 12, 2008.

TERM-TIME GRANT FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ G-year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dissertation title: _____

Department: _____

Semester for which you are applying: _____ Fall Term _____ Spring Term

Adviser: _____ E-mail: _____