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Dear Juniors,

Below is a partial list of fellowships that provide financial support for summer thesis research. You certainly do not need to do research over the summer in order to write a successful thesis. (In fact, some of our best theses have been started in September.) However, some students find it helpful to begin their research over the summer, often in conjunction with other jobs or internships. I have included in the list below grants that are the most likely matches for History and Literature students. It is by no means exhaustive. You should also look over the Fellowships section of the OCS website (<http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/students/fellowships.htm>) to see whether there are other grants appropriate for your research. History and Literature students have received a number of these grants in the past.

You may be thinking that you are not yet ready to apply for a thesis grant since you have not decided on a thesis topic. This is normal. Remember that the best research topics begin with a focused question (or set of questions) and a viable, fixed body of primary sources. No grant committee will expect you to know the results of your research before you have conducted it! For the purpose of these grant applications, therefore, you want to be as specific as possible about the primary materials with which you would like to work and the questions that you would like to answer. Grant committees understand that your topic will naturally evolve between the time that you submit your grant proposal and the time when you actually carry out your research. So even if you do not know the exact topic that you wish to study, you can at least work with your tutor in the beginning of the spring term on devising the general subject for your thesis research, on narrowing down possible source bases, and on identifying library collections that you could use in your research. This will be a useful exercise for you whether you receive a grant or not.

Please note that some of the application deadlines given here are APPROXIMATE. **In all cases, even if a specific deadline is listed, you should contact the relevant program to double-check the date and to inquire about specific application procedures.**

When it comes time to write your application, the best person to advise you is your Hist and Lit tutor, since he or she will be most familiar with the project you are formulating. I have also left copies of "An Introduction to Grantsmanship" (from *The Harvard College Guide to Grants*, 12th Edition, by Paul Bohlmann and Adonica Lui), which gives advice on grant applications, behind the front desk in the History and Literature office (it is also available on

the web through the OCS site cited above). You can pick these up at any time, and we can also meet in person to discuss strategies for grant applications. The fellowships tutor in your house can be an additional source of support. Finally, OCS offers various workshops in February on writing proposals and devising budgets that could be helpful to you; check the event calendar on the OCS website.

Please let me know if I can answer any further questions about grants and fellowships.

Enjoy,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Andrew Romig" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

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## GRANTS FOR THESIS RESEARCH:

### **“Ariadne” Summer Travel Grants to Greece**

Thesis research in Europe on political, historical, economic, social, cultural, and intellectual trends in modern or contemporary Greece

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors (and graduate students)

AWARD: \$6000 max.

CONTACT: [cesgrants@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:cesgrants@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.ces.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Grants”)

### **Asia Center Undergraduate Summer Research Grants**

Research or language study during the summer in or relating to any country in East, South, and Southeast Asia

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates (preference given to rising seniors)

AWARD: \$3000 max. for research; \$6000 max. for language study

CONTACT: Jorge Espada; [jespada@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:jespada@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactr/grants.htm>

### **Alex G. Booth '30 Fund Fellowships**

To help defray the cost of travel, tuition, or other appropriate expenses for travel to a country or countries related to the recipient’s field of interest

ELIGIBILITY: juniors or seniors

AWARD: information not available

CONTACT: see website for details

DEADLINE: Feb. 20 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Students” then “Fellowships”)

### **Bussgang Summer Travel Fund to Eastern Europe (Office of International Programs)**

Research travel to Eastern Europe for study of Jewish culture and history, particularly Polish Jews or Polish-Jewish relations

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: \$2600

CONTACT: Giorgio DiMauro; 4-7893; [dimauro@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:dimauro@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE:

[http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~oip/resources/oip\\_money\\_featuredsummer.html](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~oip/resources/oip_money_featuredsummer.html)

### **Center for American Political Studies Undergraduate Seed Grants**

Senior thesis research on post-Civil War American politics

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$2500 max.

CONTACT: Lilia Halpern-Smith; 5-2724; [lhalpern@latte.harvard.edu](mailto:lhalpern@latte.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: March (contact for deadline information)

WEB SITE: <http://caps.gov.harvard.edu>; (click on “Grants & Fellowships”)

**Center for European Studies Undergraduate Summer Travel Grants**

Senior thesis research on modern or contemporary European political, historical, economic, and intellectual trends

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$6000 max.

CONTACT: [cesgrants@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:cesgrants@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.ces.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Grants”)

**Center for International Development Summer Travel Grants**

Research in international development in developing countries (priority given to thesis research)

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: \$1200 avg.

CONTACT: Melissa Wojciechowski; 5-4806; [melissa\\_wojciechowski@harvard.edu](mailto:melissa_wojciechowski@harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu>; (click on “Student Programs”)

**Center for Middle Eastern Studies Henry Rosovsky Summer Fellowships**

Senior thesis research in Israel

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$2500 max.

CONTACT: Please visit the listed web site for more information.

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://cmes.hmdc.harvard.edu>

**Michael Christian/Anton Segal Traveling Fellowships**

Purposeful summer travel overseas; may not be used for thesis research; House nomination required—students must consult their House Fellowships Advisors

ELIGIBILITY: sophomores and juniors

AWARD: \$2500

CONTACT: Paul Bohlmann, or Adonica Lui; 5-8126; [bohlmann@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:bohlmann@fas.harvard.edu); [alui@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:alui@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: March 4 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Students” then “Fellowships”)

**Committee on African Studies Summer Travel Grants**

Minimum of eight weeks summer senior thesis research in sub-Saharan Africa (consultation with CAS recommended)

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: covers only partial expenses

CONTACT: Dr. Rita Breen; 5-5265; [rbreen@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:rbreen@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~cafrica>; (click on “Grants”)

### **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Summer Travel Grants (Goldman Grant)**

Summer senior thesis research Russia, Eastern Europe, or Central Asia on a topic related to Russian or Eurasian studies

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$4000 max.

CONTACT: Donna Griesenbeck; 5-1194; [griesenb@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:griesenb@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Student Programs”)

### **Dean’s Summer Research Awards**

Rising seniors with a financial aid summer savings requirement who have received senior thesis research funding from another source

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors on financial aid

AWARD: \$1000 to summer savings max.

CONTACT: Christy McKellips or Meg Brooks Swift; 5-2585;

[mckellip@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:mckellip@fas.harvard.edu); [mbswift@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:mbswift@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Not Yet Posted

WEB SITE: <http://www.seo.harvard.edu>; (click on “Research Programs”)

### **Dressler Family Fund Traveling Grants**

Study or travel in a Romance language-speaking country by students who have completed at least one course in Romance languages or literature

ELIGIBILITY: sophomores and juniors in financial need

AWARD: variable

CONTACT: Walter Hryshko; [rllbus@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:rllbus@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 27 by 5 pm

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~rll>; (click on “Undergraduate → Prizes”)

### **Harvard College Research Program**

Summer undergraduate research in any field; includes the possibility of a stipend or Work-Study award (also offered for fall and spring term)

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: \$1000 to \$2500

CONTACT: Lauren Valente or Meg Brooks Swift; 5-2585; [lvalente@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:lvalente@fas.harvard.edu);

[mbswift@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:mbswift@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 6

WEB SITE: <http://www.seo.harvard.edu/research>; (click on “Research Programs”)

### **Mark DeWolfe Howe Fund Grants**

Summer or term-time research in U.S. civil rights or civil liberties or in the Anglo-American legal tradition

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates (and graduate students and university officers)

AWARD: variable

CONTACT: Please refer to the web site for more information.

DEADLINE: Refer to the listed web site.

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~finance/howe.html>

**Institute of Politics Summer Thesis Research Awards**

Summer thesis research on American government, politics, or public policy; travel restricted to the United States

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$2000 max.

CONTACT: [iop\\_internships@ksg.harvard.edu](mailto:iop_internships@ksg.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: March 20

WEB SITE: [http://www.iop.harvard.edu/students\\_summer\\_thesis\\_funding.html](http://www.iop.harvard.edu/students_summer_thesis_funding.html)

**Office of International Programs Scholarships for Summer Study Abroad Programs**

Support for Harvard Summer School study-abroad programs or Harvard-approved summer study abroad

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: partial funding

CONTACT: Giorgio DiMauro; 4-7893; [dimauro@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:dimauro@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~oip>; (click on “Money,” then on “OIP-Administered Funding”)

**John Patterson Traveling Fellowship**

Summer research, study, travel, or work in Italy

ELIGIBILITY: sophomores and juniors

AWARD: \$2000

CONTACT: Paul Bohlmann, or Adonica Lui; 5-8126; [bohlmann@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:bohlmann@fas.harvard.edu); [alui@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:alui@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 7 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Students” then “Fellowships”)

**Carol K. Pforzheimer Student Fellowships**

Research based in the special resources of the Radcliffe College Archives and the Schlesinger Library

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: \$2500 max.

CONTACT: Eliza Jacques; 5-8262; [ejacques@radcliffe.edu](mailto:ejacques@radcliffe.edu)

DEADLINE: April 10

WEB SITE: <http://www.radcliffe.edu>; (click on “Schlesinger Library” then “Grants and Fellowships”)

**Real Colegio Complutense Summer Field Research Grants**

Short research visits to Spain for topics focusing on Spain

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates (and graduate students)

AWARD: \$1800 max.

CONTACT: 5-3536; [rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu](mailto:rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu>; (click on “Becas de verano en España”)

**David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Travel Grants**

Senior thesis research in Latin America, the Caribbean, or other appropriate research sites

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: \$500-\$1500

CONTACT: Katie Ferrari; 6-9153; [kferrari@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:kferrari@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://dreclas.fas.harvard.edu>; (click on “Students” under “Resources”)

**South Asia Initiative Undergraduate Tata Study Grants**

Funded research and internships in India.

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates

AWARD: contact SAI for details

CONTACT: Dr. Rena Fonseca; [rfonseca@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:rfonseca@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: see website for details

WEB SITE: [www.sainit.fas.harvard.edu](http://www.sainit.fas.harvard.edu)

**Ukrainian Research Institute Summer Travel Grants**

Research projects in Ukraine

ELIGIBILITY: undergraduates (and graduate students)

AWARD: \$1500 max.

CONTACT: Tymish Holowinsky, 5-4053, [huri@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:huri@fas.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.huri.harvard.edu>

**University Committee on Human Rights Studies Undergraduate Research Awards**

Undergraduate summer research projects in human rights anywhere in the world

ELIGIBILITY: sophomores or juniors

AWARD: \$1500 max.\*\*

CONTACT: Susan Frick; 6-4950; [humanrights@harvard.edu](mailto:humanrights@harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.humanrights.harvard.edu/undergradstudy/award.html>

**Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History Senior Thesis Research Grant**

Summer research fellowships for senior thesis research on any topic in American history

ELIGIBILITY: juniors

AWARD: typically (but not always) \$2500

CONTACT: Warren Center administrator Arthur Patton-Hock  
([apattonh@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:apattonh@fas.harvard.edu))

DEADLINE: 5pm on Monday, March 10th

WEB SITE: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~cwc/grantsundergradapp.html>

**Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Undergraduate Summer Travel Grants**

Travel for senior thesis research in international affairs, including transnational, comparative, and foreign country study

ELIGIBILITY: rising seniors

AWARD: up to \$5000

CONTACT: Clare Putnam; 5-9899; [cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu](mailto:cputnam@wcfia.harvard.edu)

DEADLINE: Feb. 26 by noon

WEB SITE: <http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu>; (click on “Research Funding”)