

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EARLY MODERN STUDIES SUMMER MENTORSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 20, 2016**

**\*This summer mentorship is only available to students who are currently participating in the Certificate program and who have met program requirements.**

The Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies awards competitive summer mentorships to students participating in the Graduate Certificate in Early Modern Studies, based on the strength of their proposed projects. The summer mentorship provides financial support (\$5,000 stipend) to complete the required 25-page essay on an early modern studies topic of interdisciplinary breadth, and offers an opportunity for students to work closely with a faculty mentor to develop their essay for presentation at an academic conference and/or for potential publication. Students who are not awarded a Center mentorship and/or who have other sources of summer funding may still complete the essay requirement and be awarded a Certificate.

Awardees are expected to complete a draft of their essay by the end of the summer, and to present the essay at a works-in-progress session during Fall Quarter. The completed essay must be submitted, along with a letter of approval by the faculty mentor detailing the mentoring relationship, to the Certificate Core Committee for final approval by the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

It is the student's responsibility to approach affiliated faculty (preferably the instructor of a relevant seminar) to arrange a summer mentorship. Students are advised to approach prospective mentors well in advance of the application deadline, as participation in summer mentorships is at the discretion of individual faculty.

The summer mentorship program begins June 13, 2016 and ends September 9, 2016. Awardees will receive a \$5,000 stipend.

**In order to be eligible to apply for a summer mentorship, students in the Certificate program must:**

- Have satisfactorily completed (3.0 GPA or above) at least two 200-level graduate seminars on interdisciplinary early modern topics from the list of pre-approved seminars.
- Have not yet advanced to candidacy.
- Be U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents or registered California AB540 undocumented students. For those under AB540, funding will be provided only if AB131 is still in effect for the duration of the mentorship. International students are also eligible to apply

provided that they have an F-1 or J-1 Visa in effect for the duration of the mentorship and a Social Security Number or ITIN.

- Have been enrolled/registered the previous Spring and will be enrolled/registered the following Fall. If these conditions are not met, the awardee will be required to repay the summer award.

Awardees usually may not work more than 25% time. Those wishing to work 26% to 50% time as a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) or in a combination of GSR and Academic Student Employee (ASE, e.g., Teaching Assistant, Reader) must submit an exception request via their home department's Student Affairs Officer/Staff Graduate Advisor. No other work appointments above 25% will be allowed.

**To apply for a summer mentorship, students must submit:**

1) A project description of no more than 1,000 words which includes a clear goal for what the summer mentorship will achieve (e.g., an article suitable for publication or for presentation at a conference). The project description should make clear the argument, the contribution of the proposed research, and the research approach or methodology. The proposal will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee that may or may not include faculty in the student's own field of study.

2) A signed letter on departmental letterhead from the mentor describing the mentoring relationship and the paper that the student will complete during the summer. The letter should detail preparation of summer research and mentoring activities that will ready the applicant's research for publication or conference presentation.

3) Transcripts documenting satisfactory completion (3.0 GPA or above, no incompletes) of two 200-level graduate seminars from the list of approved seminars.

**Please submit application documents electronically or in person by **May 20, 2016** to:**

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