

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EARLY MODERN STUDIES SUMMER MENTORSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

***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 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 work-in-progress session during Fall quarter with their mentor in attendance. 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 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 takes place during Summer quarter. 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 or Permanent Residents. 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.

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.

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