GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EARLY MODERN STUDIES
SUMMER MENTORSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2016

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

Pending review by the Certificate Core Committee, the Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies awards one summer mentorship to students participating in the Graduate Certificate in Early Modern Studies program. 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. The essay may also be used to support the student’s job portfolio on the academic market, as well as serve as a springboard for future research.

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 grade or higher) 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 higher, no incompletes) of two 200-level graduate seminars from the list of approved seminars.

Please submit application documents electronically or in person by May 6, 2016 to:

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