

## Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2023 Summer Institute and Mentorship Program 2023-2024 Research Fellowship Program

#### **Who can apply to the Summer Institute and Mentorship Program?**

Doctoral students who will be completing their second or third year of studies in a humanities or humanistic social science PhD program in May 2023. Students must be attending the following universities:

Applications are open for doctoral students enrolled in PhD programs in the humanities or humanistic social sciences at CUNY Graduate Center, Florida International University, Texas Tech University, University of Arizona, University of California-Irvine, University of California-Riverside, University of California-Santa Barbara, University of California-Santa Cruz, University of Central Florida, University of Houston, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at El Paso.

All U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card); individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program;\* Indigenous individuals exercising rights associated with the Jay Treaty of 1794; individuals granted Temporary Protected Status; asylees; and refugees, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

\* Eligibility includes individuals with current status under the DACA Program, who meet all the USCIS guidelines for DACA including holding work permit.

#### **Will first year PhD applicants be considered?**

No. The Summer Institute is designed to support initial thinking on dissertation proposals and prospectus with a series of workshops geared towards these efforts. If you meet all other eligibility requirements, you may apply again in 2024.

#### **How does Crossing Latinidades define the humanities?**

We followed the definitions by the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965:  
*The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.*

And the American Academy of Arts and Sciences:  
*Arts, American and area studies, archaeology, communication, cultural, ethnic, and gender studies, languages, history, literature, jurisprudence, philosophy, religion, and other selected interdisciplinary studies.*

#### **How do applicants submit applications?**

Crossing Latinidades works with directors of centers/programs/department to recruit candidates. Applications should be submitted to directors of these centers who will review them and rank them. **Applications from UCSB should be submitted to the Chicano Studies Institute (CSI) email: [chicano-csi@ucsb.edu](mailto:chicano-csi@ucsb.edu)**

### **What is the selection process?**

Eligible students apply to the designated center in their universities. Directors and faculty of these centers rank applications, select the top three, and forward their applications to the Crossing Latinidades staff. We go over applications to make sure all eligibility requirements are met. We make the final selection and announce participants on March 1, 2023.

### **Can a university select more than two doctoral students?**

Yes, an institution can select and nominate more than two and up to three students with a final selection of two. In case there are universities that only nominate one student, we will fill extra slots with third and fourth selections

### **What does the \$3,000 stipend cover?**

Participants receive \$3,000 toward expenses related to attending the institute including airfare, local transportation, the few meals the Institute does not cover, and any other personal expense they may incur while in Chicago.

### **When is the stipend paid?**

Per the standard business practice of the University of Illinois at Chicago where the Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative is housed, stipends are paid after the successful completion of the Summer Institute. However, we do offer participants to purchase their airline tickets and we discount that amount from the \$3,000 total so that they do not incur extra charges on credit cards.

## **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

### **Do doctoral students apply to the Summer institute and the Fellowship Program separately?**

No. There is only one application for the Summer Institute and Mentorship Program and the 2023-2024 fellowship.

### **How are Fellows selected?**

Provided all eligibility requirements are met, we match the research interests of applicants with existing Crossing Latinidades Working groups, placing them in the ones that will benefit most both fellows and Principal investigators.

### **How many fellowships do you offer?**

We offer 30 fellowships to Summer Institute participants depending on their areas of research interest and best placement with existing Crossing Latinidades Research Working Groups.

### **How many hours am I required to work in a working group?**

Fellows must work 20 hours per week conducting research and other tasks for the working group.

### **Can I hold other fellowships and assistantships while a Crossing Latinidades fellow?**

No. You must forego all other employment such as TAs and GRAs. This is an extra year of funding separate from any other pre-existing financial support. During the time of the fellowship, we expect fellows to also work toward comprehensive examinations, dissertation prospectus/proposals, and progress nicely along the PhD pipeline.

**How is the \$30,000 stipend paid?**

UIC pays the \$30,000 directly to fellows in monthly stipends of \$2,500 for a period of 12 months. Their universities cover their tuition and health insurance and fees.

**Who reads the confidential letters of recommendation in the applications?**

Directors of centers where students apply to the program; Crossing Latinidades managing staff; prospective mentors; and Principal Investigators in Crossing Latinidades Research Working Groups.

**What are the enrollment requirements while a Fellow?**

You must register for at least 8 hours per semester in order to maintain status as a fellow.