

## **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Awards**

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs are pleased to announce this year's competition for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Awards.

The purpose of these awards is to stimulate preliminary dissertation research for students who are at or near the dissertation proposal stage. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to support graduate students as they visit archives and museums; engage in pre-field analysis and logistics and survey available sources in order to sharpen focus on a dissertation topic; and better position themselves for larger future dissertation research and writing awards.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be Ph.D. students in an arts, humanities or social sciences field who are at or near the dissertation proposal stage. Strong preference will be given to students who are no more than three years into their course of study and for whom exploratory research is necessary for making significant progress on a larger project.

### **Application**

*All applications should be submitted through the department DGS's. DGS's must submit a brief cover letter ranking the students applying from their departments in the order in which they expect that an award would have a significant impact on: 1. The students' prospects for future external funding; and 2. Time to degree.*

Individual applications must include the following items:

- A project statement, written by the student, not to exceed two double-spaced pages drawing attention to the significance of summer research to the overall dissertation project and the impact the preliminary research will have on securing future support, if necessary
- A budget including travel and research costs\*
- A current CV
- A one-page letter of support from the primary dissertation adviser that speaks specifically to: 1) the student's readiness and preparation to take on the proposed research and 2) the impact that the proposed research will have on the overall dissertation project and time to degree

**All application materials are to be submitted to [gradstudies@virginia.edu](mailto:gradstudies@virginia.edu) no later than 5 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2017.** Awards will be announced by April 5, 2017.

\* All costs should be based upon recent investigation into airline ticket prices, specific lodging options, etc. UVA procurement rate guides may be helpful in planning per diem costs for domestic and international research: <http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pageconusrates>