The 2019 Weaver Summer Research Award
Guidelines for Application

Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Summer Research Awards will be awarded each year to graduate students in history. The award honors Herbert Weaver, Professor of U.S. History and chair of the History Department from 1952 to 1954 and 1962 to 1967, and Blanche Henry Clark Weaver, Dean of Women at Vanderbilt from 1940 to 1944.

The awards may be used to pay for research or study expenses, up to a total of $2,000 for domestic travel and $3,000 for international travel. From this year on, the Weaver award will be processed via payroll with your April or May stipend check. You will not be required to submit receipts for reimbursement.

Uses of the award may include transportation to archives, lodging and photocopies, microfilms, and/or scans of sources. You may also apply for the Weaver award for summer language courses or courses in fields to enhance your dissertation research (such as paleography, GIS, and so on). Funded research need not be related directly to a doctoral dissertation; you may wish to pursue a tangential problem or another topic altogether. Your application will need to include a clear description of the topic, how you propose to address it, and its larger historical/historiographical significance. If the project is related to your dissertation, explain how. If not, explain what form you expect the results of your research to take (e.g., article, conference paper).

Preference will be given to students who can show that they applied for funding from sources other than the History Department, including those who applied unsuccessfully to the College of Arts and Science for a summer research award. If you have already received a grant worth less than $2,000, you may apply for a Weaver Award to make up the difference.

Applications should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies (samira.sheikh@vanderbilt.edu) by 5 pm on Friday, March 29, 2019 and should include the following:
(1) Cover sheet with applicant’s name, address, destination and dates of proposed research trip, and project title
(2) Curriculum vitae
(3) Statement of proposed research, not to exceed three pages
(4) Proposed budget
(5) Report you submitted to the Chair at the end of any prior Weaver award.
(6) Letter of support from adviser to be sent directly to the DGS (not required if you applied for the Arts and Science Dean’s Summer Research Award)