The 2020 History Department
Summer Research Grant
Guidelines for Application

The grants 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 grant 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 grant may include transportation to archives, lodging and photocopies, microfilms, and/or scans of sources. You may also apply for the grant 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 grant. If you have already received an award worth less than $2,000, you may apply for a History Department Summer Research Grant 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 13, 2020 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 History Department Summer Research 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 Grant.)