Dear PhD Graduate Students,

The Center for Black Studies Research (CBSR) is pleased to announce the 2019–2020 competition for the Graduate Student Fellow’s Award to support interdisciplinary research in Black Studies and/or Data Science with a focus on Black communities. Funds are competitive and limited. Our focus for this round of grants is on interdisciplinary research that is aligned with the CBSR’s research priorities (see below). These awards are funded through the kindness of the Vice Chancellor of the Office of Research at UCSB. The size of the award will vary, with a maximum amount of $2,500.00.

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to full-time doctoral students who are currently enrolled at UCSB. Awardees will become fellows at the CBSR. Priorities will be given to research projects that will lead to possible external funding from foundations or federal programs.

Deadlines

Applications will be accepted April 24 through June 30, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT). We are accepting applications only through our online submission system.

Award Details

Awardees are invited for a one-year appointment as a Graduate Research Fellow. The program starts September 1, 2019, and ends August 31, 2020. Fellows may use the funds for the following purposes:

• Purchasing equipment and supplies that are directly associated with the proposed research
• Hiring Undergraduate Research Assistants
• Traveling to and from research sites to collect data
• Conducting data analysis

Application Requirements

1. Research proposal (5 pages)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. List of current or pending support (from other funding organization[s])
4. Letter of support from your dissertation chair/academic advisor

How to Apply

Applications will be submitted online here: CBSR Graduate Student Fellowship Application. (https://forms.gle/pQ5Qgea79szFgpXa8)

We also advise applicants who are graduate students to have their faculty advisors carefully review the application before submission.
Proposals (5 pages total) must include:

- The title of your project and an abstract (250 words max), 1 page
- A proposal narrative describing (1) your project and research questions, (2) the significance of your project and its theoretical framework or research paradigm, and (3) your research methods and timeline with specific plans and outcomes, 2 pages
- Bibliography or list of References based on American Psychological Association Publication Style Manual, 1 page
- Detailed budget with a budget justification, 1 page

** All award recipients will become CBSR graduate student fellows. At the end of their funding year (August 2020), award recipients must provide a one-page narrative summary of accomplishments associated with their fellowship award, including any published manuscripts and grant submission information associated with the CBSR. The fellow must discuss in their report the impact their fellowship has had on furthering the goals of the Center for Black Studies Research. **

Proposals will be evaluated for clarity, compelling articulation of research problem or problems, quality of research design, feasibility of proposed project, potential contribution to the field, and potential for obtaining external funding.

**CBSR Research Priorities**

- The Black Radical Tradition
- Black Intellectual Traditions
- Data Science across Disciplines
- Diversity in STEM
- Haitian Studies
- Homelessness & Sexual Violence
- Queer Studies in Black Communities