



EXPLORING RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORY MAJORS

Spring 2025



A quick introduction to URF resources!

- Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (urf.Columbia.edu)
 - Brainstorm ideas and bring questions
 - Receive feedback on draft materials (essays, resumes, etc.)
 - Get information about how to find an opportunity, and answers to questions about opportunities
 - Answer or resources to answer other questions you might have (no matter how big or small!)
 - Receive our weekly newsletter with updates, announcements, upcoming deadlines, etc. (e-mail ugrad-urf@Columbia.edu)
 - Come to URF [events](#)! Meet foundation representatives; come to a roundtable discussion, an info session, a workshop.
 - Fellowships 201: Calling all juniors, seniors and recent graduates 3-4pm (in person, in 202 Hamilton!)
 - [UK Scholarships Week 2025](#), March 24-28 (on zoom)
 - [Fulbright Week](#), April 7-11 (on zoom)
 - Meet a Knight-Hennessy Representative! April 1, 4-5pm, (in person, in 202 Hamilton!)
 - Meet the Schwarzman! April 3, 3-4pm, (in person, in 202 Hamilton!)
- How to connect with URF:
 - Make a 30 minute appointment with a URF advisor (in person upon request; otherwise by zoom)
 - Come to “walk-in” zoom hours, Mondays and Wednesdays, 12-1 for advice or a shorter conversation with a URF advisor
 - E-mail materials to ugrad-urf@Columbia.edu for electronic advising
 - Rose Fellows Near Peer [Blog](#)
 - [“Should I Go To Grad School? Questions and Thoughts to Consider”](#)
 - [“Applying to Rhodes: A Conversation with Two Rhodes Finalists”](#)
 - [“The Dreaded Cold-Email”](#)
- Check out our website!
 - [Finding a Fellowship or Research Opportunity](#)
 - Our [database](#)
 - Another “crowdsourced” CU [database](#)
 - [Opportunities listed by department](#)
 - [Centers and Institutes](#)
 - Quick guides: [academic year fellowships](#) and [summer fellowships](#)

Identifying Research Opportunities

- Summer Research Opportunities
 - (for rising sophomores, juniors, seniors)

- Postgraduate Research Opportunities
 - (for juniors, seniors, alumni)

Independent research:

- The applicant comes up with the who, what, where, why, when of the project;
- The applicant identifies a faculty mentor, PI, affiliate, or supervisor.

Cohort based programs

Guided research:

- Summer or postgraduate degree course;
- Contribute to a larger research project, designed and overseen by an expert;
- Fieldwork
- Study abroad

Guided Research (summer+)

Advanced learning based in experiential, intensive, and specialized training intended to help the fellow improve their professional knowledge, competence, skills, and effectiveness within the given field. Group-based fellowship programs and learning experiences.

- Fisher Civil Liberties Fellowship (April 2025)
- de Bary Summer Language Fellowship (Mar.2025)
- Laidlaw Scholars Program (Feb.13 deadline—you still have time!) (first years only)
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (Feb.13 deadline—you still have time!) (second years only)
- Social Impact Fellowship, Columbia World Projects (March 2025)
- CU Holder Initiative, Undergraduate Research Fellows Program (April 2025)

Looking Ahead!

- GSAS Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program (Feb.1 deadline; applications open in November.)
- American Bar Foundation Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (January deadline)
- Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program (i.e. Rangel Scholars Program)

Independent Research (summer+)

Self-designed / faculty guided research experience, project, and practice that will culminate in the fellow's own contribution to the field, discipline, or other supported conclusion in the form of a creative effort.

- URF Summer Research Fellowships (Feb 2025)
- Comer Climate Research Fellowship (Feb 2025)
- Allison Busch Memorial South Asian Language Study Fellowship (TBD)
- Rose Research Ambassadors/Near Peer Advisors (May 2025)
- Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life Undergraduate Research Fellowship (March 2025)
- Weatherhead East Asian Undergraduate Training Grant (March 2025)
- Center for Career Education Summer Funding (Applications open on March 6!)
- Udall Scholarship (sophomore and juniors) (Feb 2025)
- Maggie O'Neill Fellowship in American Studies @ the Jay Heritage Center (Mar 2025)
- Global History of Sexualities Summer Research Fellowship (March 2025)
- French and Francophone Studies Undergraduate Research Fellowship (March 2025)

Looking ahead:

Senior Thesis Funding (October and December 2025)

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (Feb 2025)

Postgraduate Opportunities and other funding resources

Independent Research

- Henry Evans Traveling Fellowship* (March 2025)

Research Awards!

Carl B. Boyer Memorial Prize in the History of Science (Apr.2025)

Shanley & Chamberlain Essay Prize (best undergraduate essay in the areas of the American presidency, Congress or public policy) (Apr.2025)

Guided Research

- Carman Fellowship (March 2025)
- Holthusen Schindler (April 2025)
- Samvid Scholars (April 2025)
- Beinecke Scholarship (Feb.2025) *Juniors only!*

Postgraduate Opportunities – looking ahead!

Independent Research

- Fulbright grant for independent research (Aug.2025)
- DAAD One Year Research Grant in Germany (Nov.2025)

Guided Research (Juniors only)!

- Truman Scholarship (Dec.2025) *Juniors only!*

Guided Research—looking ahead

- Rhodes, Marshall Fellowships (Aug.2025)
- Fulbright Scholars Program (Aug.2025)
- Schwarzman Scholarship (Sept.2025)
- McCall MacBain Fellowship @ McGill (Sept.2025)
- Knight-Hennessy Scholars @ Stanford (Oct.2025)
- NSF GRFP (sociology or public policy) (Oct.2025)
- Soros Fellowship for New Americans (Oct.2025)
- Michel David-Weill Fellowship @ Sciences Po, Paris (Aug.2025)
- St. Andrew's Society Scholarship for Graduate Study in Scotland (Aug.2025)
- Yenching Academy Scholars at Peking University, Beijing (Nov.2025)
- James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program for International Peace @ Carnegie Endowment for Int'l Peace think tank (Dec.2025)
- Kellett and Doctorow Fellowships (Dec.2025)

What are some of the *myths* behind pursuing research?

- I've never done research before—it's too late for me to start!
- I'm curious about research, but I don't have a project. Maybe I'm not cut out for research.
- I don't have a faculty mentor lined up and I don't know anyone who will supervise me. I'm ineligible for this application.
- I don't have a 4.00 GPA; maybe I'm not qualified.
- I want to switch fields of study. I can't conduct research in a field when I know nothing/have had little exposure...

Our database is one resource! There are others!

- ProFellow.com
- Scholars for Development:
<https://www.scholars4dev.com/>
- Predoc (<https://www.predoc.org/>)
- Pivot (<https://pivot-proquest-com.ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/dashboard>)--this one requires your UNI!
- Jobs.ac.uk
- <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding>