



INTER-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM  
for LATINO RESEARCH

## **IUPLR/Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 2018-19 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Pending funding from the Andrew G. Mellon Foundation, the Inter-University Program for Latino Research is now accepting applications for the IUPLR/Mellon Fellowship Program (academic year 2018-19). The program supports doctoral students in the humanities who are writing dissertations in Latina/o studies. Doctoral students in the social sciences whose research uses humanities methods may also be considered. The fellowship facilitates completion of the dissertation and provides professional development, writing support, and mentoring from Latina/o faculty members. The fellowship includes a \$25,000 stipend, participation in an intensive summer institute in Chicago, and professionalization and writing workshops and programs.

For more information about the program, please see the program website:  
<https://iuplr.uic.edu/iuplr/mellon-fellows-program>

### **Eligibility**

Applicants are required to meet with the director of their center *before* they apply to assess eligibility and obtain a letter of recognition to submit with their application. Applicants must have advanced to candidacy (ABD status with defended proposal) and be completing a Latina/o Studies dissertation in the humanities or in a humanities-adjacent discipline. Applicants should already have a significant portion of the dissertation drafted and anticipate defending their dissertation by the end of the fellowship year. Finally, applicants should be planning to pursue an academic career in teaching and/or research. During the fellowship year, students must be enrolled at their home institution. Fellows will be expected to forego other employment during the year. Selected fellows must be able to attend the IUPLR/Mellon Summer Institute in summer 2018 (dates TBA) in Chicago, participate in fall job market workshops, and take part in a structured writing program.

### **IUPLR will select fellows through six designated research centers:**

- [The Center for Mexican American Studies and the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at the University of Texas at Austin](#)
- [The Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Houston](#)
- [The Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA](#)
- [The Dominican Studies Institute at CUNY](#)
- [The Center for Puerto Rican Studies at CUNY](#)
- [The Latin American and Latino Studies Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago](#)

**To apply, please submit the following materials to the [online application portal](#) by January 30th or by the deadline specified by your home institution**

- CV



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- Cover Letter that describes your dissertation, progress to completion, and professional goals
- One page strategic writing plan that demonstrates ability to finish and defend dissertation during fellowship year
- Dissertation Prospectus
- Completed chapters with compiled in a single PDF. The cover page should be a one page dissertation outline indicating percentages of each chapter completed.
- Two recommendation letters (one from the applicant's dissertation chair and a Latina/o Studies faculty member) sent to [jlboles@uic.edu](mailto:jlboles@uic.edu)
- Letter of recognition from the Director of the IUPLR center at the applicant's home institution sent to [jlboles@uic.edu](mailto:jlboles@uic.edu)

Please direct any questions to the Program Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Boles, at [jlboles@uic.edu](mailto:jlboles@uic.edu).