

Lapidus Summer Fellowship Program

an initiative of the Center for Jewish History and the American Jewish Historical Society

The Lapidus 2014 Summer Fellowship Program application deadline is March 3, 2014.

The Center for Jewish History and the American Jewish Historical Society offer six-week Fellowships to recent Ph.D.s and doctoral candidates conducting original research using the collections of the Center's five partners: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Fellows will take residence at the Center for Jewish History in NYC **from June 16, 2014 through July 25, 2014**. Each Fellow will be required to spend a minimum of three days per week in residence, working with archival and library resources in the Center's Lillian Goldman Reading Room. Fellows should plan to be in residence the full week of June 16, 2014 to participate in orientation/archival training sessions.

Up to six Fellowships will be awarded in summer 2014. Applicants should be recent Ph.D.s, ABD or in the process of writing their dissertations.

The program invites applications from candidates working in any field or period whose research stands to benefit from access to the collections housed at the Center for Jewish History (search.cjh.org). However, preference will be given to work that meets the following criteria:

- Makes use of the collections of the American Jewish Historical Society;
- Focuses on 18th- and 19th-century topics;
- Draws on the resources of more than one Center partner.

Fellows will be required to attend bi-weekly brown bag lunch meetings and present the results of their research at an informal seminar. Upon completion of the Fellowship, each Fellow will be required to submit a report describing her/his experience as a Fellow.

Full Fellowships carry a stipend of up to \$6,000 for a period of six weeks. Fellows from universities more than 125 miles away from New York City may be entitled to additional funding of up to \$1,500 to offset residency requirements.

Eligibility

1. The Fellowship is open to qualified recent Ph.D.s and doctoral candidates from accredited domestic and international institutions. Applicants should be recent Ph.D.s (having received their doctorate within two years of the Fellowship start date), ABD or in the process of writing their dissertations.
2. Fellows must be in residence at the Center **from June 16, 2014 through July 25, 2014**.
3. For non-U.S. citizens, it is the responsibility of the applicant to have the appropriate visa for acceptance of the stipend (award) and for the required duration of the Fellowship. The

Center for Jewish History is not a visa-granting institution, but it may help facilitate the visa application process.

Requirements for Application

1. Cover letter stating area of interest, knowledge of relevant languages, and how the project relates to the general mission of the Center for Jewish History and the American Jewish Historical Society
2. Research proposal of no more than four pages, double-spaced, that includes specific reference to the collections housed at the Center (search.cjh.org) and clearly states goals for research during the period of the Fellowship
3. Curriculum Vitae, including contact information, education, publications, scholarly and/or museum activities, teaching experience and any other relevant work experience
4. Three letters of recommendation addressing the significance of the candidate's work for his/her field and the candidate's ability to fulfill the proposed work

Letters of recommendation should be sent under separate cover – or via a separate email – to the address below. All other application materials should be sent electronically as one continuous PDF document.

The schedule for the application process is as follows:

1. All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received by March 3, 2014
2. Committee to review applications by March 31, 2014
3. Announcement of grant recipients by April 4, 2014
4. Commencement of grant period, June 16, 2014
5. Conclusion of grant period, July 25, 2014

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