

CUNY DOMINICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE AT THE CITY COLLEGE DOCTORAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The City University of New York Dominican Studies Institute at The City College (CUNYDSI), the only university-based research unit in the United States devoted exclusively to the gathering, dissemination, and production of knowledge on Dominicans and their culture and society, is offering four (4) one-year fellowships for research-related work in Dominican Studies at the CUNY DSI for qualified doctoral students completing their studies at universities in the United States.

- Two (2) scholarships for graduate students pursuing a PhD and interested in research on Dominican early colonial studies
- One (1) scholarship for a graduate student pursuing a PhD interested in research on Dominicans in the United States
- One (1) scholarship for a graduate student pursuing a PhD and with excellent writing skills and experience in editing manuscripts in English

The scholarships will provide selected doctoral students a stipend of \$15,000 in exchange for 20 hours of work per week for the academic year 2009-2010 at the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute. Specialized research projects will be assigned on the various topics/subfields of study and endeavors mentioned above.

General Requirements/Qualifications:

- 1) Proof of completion of at least four semesters of graduate studies in a doctoral program in the United States;
- 2) Two letters of recommendation from former instructors or supervisors;
- 3) Application letter indicating reasons for applying, interest in the fellowship, and personal abilities for position (max. 1000 words);
- 4) Resume/Curriculum Vitae;
- 5) Sample of applicant's writing in English (research paper/manuscript/published article, ten page minimum);
- 6) Commitment to work during the 2009-2010 academic year;
- 7) Interview (for finalists)

Specific requirements/qualifications for Dominican early colonial studies fellows:

- 1) Excellent research skills in the Humanities or the Social Sciences
- 2) Excellent reading skills in Spanish
- 3) Excellent writing skills in English
- 4) Good knowledge of early Latin American colonial history

Preference will be given to fellows with skills in paleographical reading of sixteenth-century Spanish.

In general, Dominican early colonial fellows will be working on assigned microfilmed archival documents from sixteenth century La Española (Santo Domingo) in Spanish, identifying the overall contents, chronology, and types of data contained in the documents assigned, and writing a descriptive report or inventory of said documents. Once finished, this inventory or report will become property of the CUNYDSI to be used as a guide for future researchers.

Specific requirements/qualifications for the Dominicans in the US studies fellow:

- 1) Excellent research skills in Social Science and the Humanities
- 2) Experience in conducting quantitative/qualitative analysis
- 3) Proficiency with statistical/mapping software packages (SPSS, SAS, Stata, or GIS)
- 4) Excellent writing skills in English and good reading skills in contemporary Spanish

The Dominicans in the US studies fellow is expected to join or initiate research projects of the interest of CUNYDSI pertaining to Dominicans in the US, conducting quantitative or qualitative analysis of data and producing or assisting in the production of sound and well-written research report(s) on the topic researched.

Specific requirements/ qualifications for Editorial fellows:

- 1) Excellent reading and writing skills in academic English

The editing/writing fellow is expected to engage in detailed editing of research manuscripts stemming from ongoing projects of CUNYDSI and in editing or writing other communication and/or publicity materials related to the functioning of CUNYDSI.

Application Deadline: Opened until filled

Please mail unofficial transcript, two letters of recommendation, letter of application, resume, and writing sample to:

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