

# Application: Summer 2024 Travel Grants for Dissertation Research

**INTRODUCTION.** The Charles Warren Center, Harvard's research center for North American history, awards grants to Ph.D. candidates at Harvard working on topics in American history. To be funded, a student must have passed the general examination, must be undertaking a project centered in American history, and be using a historical methodology. The program includes a limited number of summer travel grants for dissertation research, as well as term-time awards for research (five months) and completion (ten months). For more information on the term-time grants, including eligibility rules specific to each grant, consult the Center's website.

**WARREN CENTER SUMMER TRAVEL GRANTS.** A limited number of summer travel awards will be awarded for summer 2024. Awards will be awarded competitively, and a recommendation letter from the dissertation adviser is required. The award amount is commensurate with the research budget, up to a maximum of \$3,000.

**OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE, DEADLINE, AND AWARD PROCESS.** Complete the CARAT Online Application Form and other necessary online materials by February 9, 2024. A sub-committee of the Center's Administrative Committee will identify awardees and a waitlist; these results will be shared with the GSAS Fellowships Office and other centers offering summer awards. The GSAS Fellowships Director will lead a process identifying multiple awards to individual applicants, the purpose of which is that each awardee receive one offer. Decisions will be communicated by the Warren Center, in April. For complete instructions, carefully read all application materials (the rest of this Warren Center Cover Sheet, as well as the GSAS Standard Application Form). With questions, please consult Warren Center Executive Director ([momccall@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:momccall@fas.harvard.edu)).

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**PURPOSE.** Warren Center Summer Travel Grants are for the support of summer travel necessary for dissertation research.

**AMOUNT OF AWARDS.** The award amount depends on the applicant's research budget, up to a maximum of \$3,000 per awardee.

**ELIGIBILITY.**

1. The project must be centered in American history and the methodology must be historical.
2. At the time of award receipt, completion of all departmental requirements and, ordinarily, passage of the general examination.
3. Students may apply after the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years, with the following caveats: G-2s should note that applications are often more persuasive after the student has gone through departmental prospectus-writing procedures, and G-5s should make a case for research funding so close to the completion phase.
4. Past recipients of Warren Center summer funding are not eligible to apply for this program, and future awards to an individual student will be for one summer only.
5. Students may apply for both summer travel and term-time funding. However, if a term-time award is granted, the applicant's name will be withdrawn from consideration for summer travel funding.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

1. Warren Center Summer Travel Grants for Dissertation Research may not be held in conjunction with summer grants from other sources. Exceptions may be made for smaller grants, upon consultation with Executive Director Monnikue McCall, Warren Center, 617-495-3591, [momccall@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:momccall@fas.harvard.edu).
2. Research money awarded by the Warren Center is administered through the GSAS Financial Aid Office, which requires that necessary financial statements and forms be on file with that office before a check is issued. For most, this will present no problem, but anyone not currently registered with that office should contact the appropriate Financial Aid Officer.
3. Applicants should be aware that checks are issued at the beginning of July. No arrangements are available for earlier disbursement.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES.** Applications components should be uploaded to the CARAT Graduate Summer Standard Application by February 9, 2024.

- ☐ CARAT Graduate Summer Standard Application. Access CARAT from <https://warrencenter.fas.harvard.edu/graduate-grants>
- ☐ Upload Itinerary. Please include a brief statement with information regarding your itinerary.
- ☐ Upload current resume, not to exceed two pages.
- ☐ Upload current transcript (an unofficial printout is okay)
- ☐ Upload Statement of purpose. This statement (double-spaced and not to exceed 1,000 words) must include a description of your dissertation topic and an indication of the relevance of your summer research plans to the dissertation as a whole.
- ☐ One letter of recommendation from the dissertation adviser. Recommendation letters should be uploaded and submitted directly into CARAT by faculty recommenders by the Feb. 9 deadline. The best way to give your recommender the CARAT link is to begin your application in CARAT, which includes an option (without concluding your application) to enter the recommender email address which sends your letter-writer a link.

**DEADLINE: February 9, 2024**