

History Student Research Awards, updated November 2023

The History Department has funding available to help defray expenses incurred by students for their research projects. Proposals must be submitted in writing to the department chair, and should include a description of the research, an explanation of how the proposed expenses will further the research, and an estimated budget. There is also a requirement that upon returning to campus you give a presentation to history students and faculty about your project; please include in your proposal your ideas about sharing your acquired knowledge (such as presenting to class, etc.) Proposals will be accepted and awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year.

The Bruce Fisher Fund

Established to provide resources for students engaged in senior seminar research.

In the past, reimbursements from the Fisher Fund of up to \$500 have been provided to students in the History Senior Seminar for things like parking, photocopying, or purchasing equipment or resources; or support for travel to another location.

The Elmer Smith Fund

Established by Thomas B. Copeland, Class of 1972, author of Elmer Smith's (class of 1910) biography, "The Centralia Tragedy of 1919: Elmer Smith and the Wobblies." The Smith Fund provides cash awards to be given to a student, or students in the History Department to support student research, travel to conferences and the cost of research materials.

The History Department has been able to provide up to \$500 per student from the Smith Fund to help acquire research materials, or partially fund students traveling within the US, or abroad for research.

The Teresita Martínez Vergne Research Fund in Latin American History

Established in 2014 by her daughter Irene to support the educational endeavors of a student majoring in Latin American history, the fund is to be used to help fund travel and/or research opportunities that enhance the recipient's academic experience or broader journey of discovery. Awards of up to \$500 may be provided to students for archival research within the United States or abroad; travel in Caribbean or Latin American countries for research purposes; and attendance at conferences.

The selection criteria include academic excellence and personal qualities of character similar to the ones that we cherished in Teresita: curiosity, integrity, a love of history, generosity, and good humor.

To Apply:

1. Meet with a History faculty member prior to departure to discuss your proposal.
2. Write a paragraph or two describing your proposed research.
3. Provide an explanation of how the proposed expenses will further your research.
4. Include an estimated budget; expense categories with estimated dollar amounts.
5. Include how you will share your findings with the department.
6. Submit via e-mail to the department chair.