

HISTORY DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Students who have passed their comprehensive exams by February 29, 2025, and hold no grade of I or F, are eligible for annual fellowships and scholarships.

Pre-comp students, or those who have not received funding, and are traveling for conferences/research purposes may request funds for travel on a case-by-case basis. These funds are subject to availability. To request these funds, [download the form from our website](#).

Annual Awards priority will be given to applicants who have not held a departmental award previously, but the Departmental Aid & Award Committee may consider previous awardees for a second award if there are no suitable first-time candidates.

All questions and application materials should be sent via email to [Kathleen O'Neill](#).

Important Things to Remember

1. Departmental awards are disbursed only after the Departmental Administrator has received a thank you note to the donors who made the award possible, per the award letters.
2. The Aid & Award Committee meets with department faculty in late Feb, but because we make other award nominations for Grad College fellowships at the same time, results are not announced until external fellowships are finalized. This may not be until late March or April.

There are different types of awards the Department Aid & Awards Committee reviews:

1. **Travel & Research Scholarships**, single payment to support travel or expenses incurred for dissertation research or conference attendance as a presenter.
2. **Research & Writing Fellowships**, to support a semester of protected research or writing.
3. **Henry Horwitz Prize** for the best syllabus by a graduate instructor in the previous calendar year

Applications for **all departmental fellowships or scholarships** should include the following (**by 2/7/25**):

- **Full CV** including all previous appointments (e.g. TAs, Internships, etc.), grants, and fellowships received (with dates) as well as the usual educational and professional experience, honors and awards, publications and presentations, etc.
- **Substantial piece of written work**, usually an approved prospectus, diss chapter, seminar paper or MA essay/QRP (*writing samples are read closely to evaluate applicants' scholarship*)
 - If applying for a Research & Writing Fellowship, submit all completed dissertation chapters
- A **letter of recommendation** from a faculty member (usually the advisor)
- A **statement (up to one page)** describing the research to be undertaken, scholarly significance of the proposed research, work to date, and what research/work will be carried out if awarded

Travel & Research Scholarships

The Department awards the following scholarships for support travel or expenses incurred for dissertation research or conference attendance as a presenter.

Scholarship Award	Selections	Requirement	Amount*
William O. Aydelotte Dissertation Scholarship	2 to 3	Unrestricted	\$5,000
Laurence Lafore Dissertation Scholarship	1 to 2	Unrestricted	\$5,000
Lawrence Gelfand Dissertation Scholarship	1	Unrestricted	\$5,000
William L.M. & William E. Burke Scholarship	2 to 3	European History	\$5,000
G.W. & A. R. Prange Scholarship	1	European History	\$ 3,500
Elizabeth Bennett Ink Scholarship	1	US History	\$ 5,000
George F. Garcia History Scholarship	1	Student in underrepresented group or studying history of underrepresented group(s)	\$ 3,000

**Note: Amounts shown are given for reference and subject to change.*

Research & Writing Fellowships

The Department offers the following fellowships to support a semester of protected time to devote to dissertation research or writing:

Dwight and Hannelore Bozeman Fellowship: 1-2 awards, unrestricted, \$10,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Ann Leger-Anderson Dissertation Fellowship: 2 awards, for female students in any field, \$10,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Ellis Hawley Fellowship: 1-2 awards, unrestricted, \$10,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Charles F. Strong History Fellowship: 1-2 awards, Early American and/or French Revolution, \$10,000
(requires one semester of service, e.g. teaching, in the Department)

Henry Horwitz Prize

Named for distinguished former UI faculty member Henry Horwitz, the Horwitz Prize recognizes excellence in teaching by a History Department graduate student. It is awarded to the student deemed to have produced the best course syllabus in past year. The winning graduate instructor receives \$500. All syllabi taught in Spring or Fall 2023 are eligible and will be reviewed.