

Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2026-27 Call for Applications

The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies will award up to six Graduate Student Research Fellowships in the amount of \$6,000 each for the 2026-27 academic year. These fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. They aim to assist outstanding graduate students in pursuing their research. This fellowship program has been funded by a generous gift from Kenneth and Frances Aftel Eisenberg.

Expectations: Graduate Fellows form a core part of the institute community and are expected to participate in institute events. Graduate Fellows will collaborate in designing and organizing the Friday workshops presented in 2026-27. Fellows will convene in April or May 2026, shortly after the awards have been announced, to begin the planning process. In-person participation is expected at all institute meetings and events.

Eligibility: The institute invites applications from University of Michigan graduate students in History and joint-History programs who are entering at least their second year of graduate training. Fellows are expected to maintain Ann Arbor residency during the fall and winter terms of their award, with exceptions for short research, conference, or personal leaves of absence. Prior Eisenberg Graduate Student Research Fellows are not eligible to reapply for this award.

Award: The Graduate Student Research Fellowship consists of a \$6,000 taxable stipend disbursed in two equal payments in July 2026 and January 2027. Funds may be used as soon as they are available.

Application: The application consists of the following:

- A statement, 600-1000 words, describing:
 - your research;
 - your research plan for the fellowship period;
 - your involvement in institute activity during your time in the graduate program;
 - why affiliation with the institute might be particularly useful.

- A recommendation from the applicant's dissertation chair or co-chair. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their advisors submit the recommendation and FERPA Waiver and Recommendation Cover Form via email (eisenberginstitute@umich.edu) by the application deadline; incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- A curriculum vitae.

Submit complete applications via email (eisenberginstitute@umich.edu) by March 6, 2026. Institute staff will confirm receipt.

Notification: Fellowship awards will be made by the institute's Steering Committee and applicants will be notified in March or April 2026. The institute will contact each applicant regarding the outcome of their application.