

Graduate Center Early Research Initiative/Digital Initiatives

Connect New York Fellowships

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2021, 5pm

Located in the heart of Manhattan, the Graduate Center has long been a central hub for intellectual and scholarly conversations in New York City. Moreover, it has a long history of fostering and producing scholarly work focused on the city itself, knowledge which draws upon and contributes to the complex communities of New York City and beyond.

In the spirit of this history, the Early Research Initiative in collaboration with the GC Digital Initiatives invites applications for new research fellowships for Summer 2021. These **\$4,000** fellowships will be offered to Graduate Center Ph.D. students from any program conducting research on New York City and its environs (including, but not limited to: the city's natural and artificial environments, its architectural landscapes, its infrastructure, city planning, city politics, its prominence as a global and economic hub, the city's political, cultural, and social histories, its foodways, its flows of population, its communities, its ethnoscaples, soundscapes, mediascapes, and ideoscapes, and its evolving urban ecosystems).

The primary responsibilities of the award winners will be to produce a dissertation proposal or dissertation chapter by September 2021; a brief, condensed, and public facing version of this research will be showcased at a public forum sometime in the Fall of 2021. Additional opportunities for social media contributions are possible.

Successful proposals will clearly explain one or more of the following:

- how your work advances knowledge about or for New York and surrounding areas
- the significance of your work to your own field and to the public
- how your work directly impacts the city
- any innovative aspect of your research methodology or communication platform which might lend itself to public display (for example, data visualizations, websites, maps, or other form of scholarly product beyond writing)
- a brief account of how this project will further your progress in your program

To apply please send a detailed letter of interest (up to three pages) describing your project that addresses the above points, a c.v., a current Graduate Center transcript (students may submit the unofficial student copy that can be printed from CUNYFirst), and a letter of support from your primary advisor.

Instructions for submitting your application:

- 1) Please combine the above materials (except for the letter of recommendation) into a SINGLE file (either as a pdf document or a word document).

Use the following format when naming your document: Last Name, First Name, Program

- 2) Email your file directly to fellowshipapps@gc.cuny.edu

Please use your graduate center email address when sending the file.

Instructions for Faculty Recommenders

- 1) Prepare your reference letter as a regular word or pdf document.
- 2) Please use the following format when naming your document:
Student Last Name, First Name
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Questions about the program can be directed to dfaherty@gc.cuny.edu