

**REQUEST FOR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS
CENTER FOR PUERTO RICAN STUDIES**

**Application deadline for Spring 2011 Awards: December 15
Start of Appointment: January 28, 2011**

The Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Centro) seeks research proposals for fellowships in Puerto Rican studies. Centro will provide limited funding on competitive bases for the study and interpretation of the Puerto Rican experience in the United States.

Centro is a research center dedicated to the study and interpretation of the Puerto Rican experience in the United States. Centro is the world's only repository of archival and library materials dedicated exclusively to the Puerto Rican Diaspora. Centro is committed to facilitating research projects useful to those in community organizations, public policy, and academia.

Awards would be made, depending on funding availability, in any or all of the following categories:

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellow. The purpose of these awards is to assist Ph.D. candidates in completing their research and writing their dissertations. Successful applicants would have completed all program requirements and have a dissertation proposal approved by their doctoral program. Candidates who can avail themselves of the primary resources available at CENTRO are given priority. Additionally, candidates whose research complements the work of senior faculty and research associates at CENTRO are also prioritized, given the mentoring component built into the fellowship. With critical feedback by assigned mentors, CENTRO fellows will conduct field work and/or produce chapters of the dissertation in progress, and/or make revisions to chapter drafts. Our objective is to support doctoral students by providing them with the resources to engage in sustained research and writing at a critical juncture in their career.

Post Doctoral Fellow. The purpose of these awards is to support scholars who have recently completed their doctoral studies to develop a defined scholarly agenda leading to publications. Successful applicants would have a specific project for consideration. Candidates who can avail themselves of the primary resources available at CENTRO are given priority. Additionally, candidates whose research complements the work of senior faculty and research associates at CENTRO are also prioritized, given the mentoring component built into the fellowship. With critical feedback by assigned mentors, CENTRO fellows will produce peer-reviewed articles and book-length manuscripts in progress. Our objective is to create a venue to support junior scholars, and especially to support the recruitment of faculty in the CUNY system, by providing them with the resources to engage in sustained research and writing at a critical juncture in their career.

Visiting Faculty Fellow. The purpose of these awards is to provide junior faculty members course release time to allow them to further develop a defined scholarly agenda leading to publication. Faculty who can avail themselves of the primary resources available at CENTRO are given priority. Additionally, faculty whose research complements the work of senior faculty and research associates at CENTRO are also prioritized, given the mentoring component built into the fellowship. With critical feedback by assigned mentors, CENTRO fellows will produce peer-reviewed articles and book-length manuscripts in progress. Our objective is to create a venue to support junior scholars, and especially to retain faculty in the CUNY system, by providing them with the resources to engage in sustained research and writing at a critical juncture in their career. For CUNY faculty, Centro will provide up to three course release support per semester at the replacement or adjunct cost specified by the union contract, provided that the fellowship proposal includes a letter of endorsement and agreement from the home department chair.

When fellows use primary materials from the CENTRO collections, senior archivists will work with them to facilitate their research. Centro researchers will provide fellows with feedback as they prepare chapters of their dissertations or manuscripts for publication. We will select a senior mentor from among Centro researchers to help fellows achieve their research goals. Fellows will also be provided office space and computer support during the term of the fellowship. It is expected that fellows devote time to their proposed publications and as such, fellows will be expected to be in-residence on a full-time basis at CENTRO during the semester.

For any questions regarding the request for proposals, please contact:

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