



Harvard University  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights

## SUMMER SENIOR THESIS RESEARCH GRANT IN ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDIES

**\*\*DUE FEBRUARY 12, 2021\*\***

The Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR) will award at least one summer grant to assist a Harvard junior with research for a senior honors thesis related to Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies. The department(s) in which the thesis will be written is open. Applicants may be pursuing Ethnic Studies under History and Literature or in an EMR secondary field, but neither is a requirement.

There are no restrictions on topics or methods of study, beyond a relationship to Asian American/Pacific Islander life, history, culture, theory, or politics. Projects may be ethnographic, empirical, creative, historical, or theoretical. 'American' is not limited to U.S. contexts and past grantees have had projects located outside of North America. Projects located solely in Asia should apply to the broader EMR grant category.

Grantees must spend a minimum of six weeks engaged in research activities. Special consideration will be given to projects for which there are fewer sources of funding offered through other campus entities (e.g., projects requiring domestic travel).

### **Eligibility**

All Harvard College students with junior standing in Spring 2021 and who intend to write a senior honors thesis are eligible to apply.

### **Awards**

Grants generally range between \$1000 and \$2500; the number of awards is subject to available funds. Because all awards are partial summer funding, applicants should apply to additional funding sources. Grants may be used to cover the costs of travel, housing, food, and research-related expenses. In the budget proposal, please itemize research (equipment, travel, participant payments) and summer living (rent, food, local transit) expenses. **Funds cannot be disbursed for projects requiring IRB approval until approval is obtained.**

In addition to the monetary award, EMR will pair each award recipient with a graduate student mentor in an appropriate field. Mentors and mentees will meet before summer research begins and remain in contact until the thesis is submitted.

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## Program Components and Requirements

Each student will conduct research under the direction of a faculty mentor. Mentors may be affiliated with any faculty of Harvard University. Grantees must submit a copy of their completed thesis to EMR by **May 31, 2021**.

## Application Process

Incomplete applications will not be considered. To apply, please complete an [online application](#) via these steps:

1. Log into [CARAT](#)
2. Click “Browse Opportunities and Apply.”
3. Type “EMR” in keyword search box and click, “Go”
4. From the search results, select “Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights (EMR) Summer Thesis Grant, Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies.”

## Requirements:

- Online application: The CARAT website will prompt you to fill out an online form which includes demographic data, a general project description, contact information for letter writer(s), and a budget.
- Written project proposal (PDF file): Your proposal must include your project objectives and your plans for meeting them (750-word maximum). Include a clear statement of your project thesis. Be explicit about the methods you will use and your disciplinary preparation for the project (i.e., linguistic or methodological training). Also, please provide information about the role your faculty mentor will take in your project.
- Brief bibliography (PDF file): In addition to your project proposal, list five sources that you’ve consulted or intend to consult that are important for your project.
- Resume (PDF file): One-page current resume
- Transcript (PDF file): Current unofficial transcripts are accepted
- Original letter of recommendation: Preferably, letters will be written by the mentor or advisor who will be working with you on the proposed project. Be sure to provide your letter writer with a copy of your proposal to help them prepare to write your letter. Letters must arrive by the application deadline via CARAT. Alternatively, letters may be sent in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal. Emailed letters should be in PDF format, on letterhead, and include an electronic signature. Emailed letters must be sent directly from the recommender to [emr@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:emr@fas.harvard.edu).

**The application deadline is February 12, 2020. Please direct questions to [emr@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:emr@fas.harvard.edu). This grant is generously supported by alumni donors to the Ethnicity, Migration, Rights Fund.**