

2025 Summer Institute
U.S. Latino/a/x/e Humanities Studies Methodologies and Theories
University of Illinois Chicago
June 20-29, 2025

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2025-2026 Crossing Latinidades Mellon Predoctoral Research Fellowship

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative at the University of Illinois Chicago seeks applicants for its Summer Institute in U.S. Latino/a/x/e Humanities Studies Methodologies and Theories. The CFA is open to all. Eligible doctoral applicants **must** have completed their **second** or **third year** in humanities and humanistic social science PhD programs, not yet be ABD by May 2025, and planning to develop dissertations with a **U.S. Latino/a/x/e focus**. If in an **MA/PhD program**, applicants must have completed **their third or fourth year** by May 2025. *Doctoral Students working on Latin American Dissertation topics are not eligible apply*

The Summer Institute is an intense in-person pre-doctoral training program which prepares participants to consider dissertation topics and to draft a dissertation proposal. Participants commit to attend virtual Professionalization Workshops and Speaker Series events during the fall of 2025 and spring of 2026.

Each participant receives a \$3,000 stipend to cover travel, a few meals not offered by the institute, and other minor incidental and expenses incurred while attending. Housing is provided in shared apartments on the UIC campus as well as most of the meals.

With this application, you may also be considered for a **9-month Crossing Latinidades Mellon Predoctoral Research Fellowship** which carries a stipend of \$30,000, tuition waiver and health insurance at your university. This fellowship is in addition to any other financial arrangements you may already have at your university. Stipends are paid directly to fellows.

To be eligible, you must meet all eligibility requirements, year standing in PhD, successfully complete the Summer Institute and commit to participate in a Humanities research project with a faculty research mentor university conducting research 15-hours per week. You must forego any other employment such as TAs, GRAs, university hourly employment or other, or outside employment, etc.

Application deadline: **February 1, 2025**

Application Cover Sheet and Eligibility Questionnaire

Legal Name (as it appears in a government-issued ID):

Name of your university:

E-mail at your university:

Personal email:

Permanent address:

Cell phone:

Doctoral Program in which you are enrolled:

Fields of Study, primary and secondary:

Date of admission to Doctoral Program:

Date of graduation from MA Program:

Projected semester/year to advance to candidacy:

Year of studies by May 2025 (PhD: second/third year; MA/PhD: third/fourth year):

What is your general topic of study and interest for a future U.S. Latino/a/x/e humanities dissertation research project? Please answer in one or two paragraphs and attach page

Names and emails of possible Fellowship Faculty Research Mentors at your university conducting research on a U.S. Latino/a/x/e humanities project:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Designated director of Center/Program/Institute through which you are applying.

Name:

Email:

Crossing Latinidades Predoctoral Latinx Humanities Research Fellowship

With this application, you will also be considered for a 9-month Predoctoral Latinx Research Fellowship in 2025-2026 which carries a stipend of \$30,000 + tuition and health insurance and fee waivers. The fellowship is an **extra year of funding** to any other financial arrangement you may already have at your university. The stipend will be paid directly to you by the University of Illinois Chicago. Your university will cover your tuition waiver, health insurance and some fees.

To be eligible you must meet these requirements:

- Successful completion of the 2025 Summer Institute with perfect attendance to all sessions, programs, and activities.
- Commit to conduct research 15 hrs. per week for two semesters/three quarters with a designated faculty research mentor at your university on their Latino/a/x/e Humanities research project.
- Forego any employment--Teaching Assistantship, Research Assistantship, hourly academic employment, teaching employment, and any other internal or external employment.
- Work towards completing comprehensive examinations, further develop the dissertation proposal and defend it, and start research on dissertation project during the fellowship year.

Will you want to be considered for this extra year of funding in your university?

- Yes No

Application Eligibility and Requirements Checklist — Deadline is February 7, 2025

Please check all that apply:

- I am pursuing a **U.S. Latino/a/x/e** humanities or humanistic social science Ph.D. Degree
- I will have completed my second/third year in the Ph.D. program by May 2025.
- If in an MA/PhD program and not holding an MA yet, I have completed my third/fourth year in the Ph.D. program by May 2025.
- I will not have defended a dissertation proposal, nor will I be a Ph.D. candidate (ABD) as of May 2025.
- I commit to attend all sessions of the Summer Institute in Chicago and abide by all requirements.
- If chosen as a fellow, I commit to attend all training sessions including the Writing Lab, Professionalization Workshops, and Speaker Series events.

Please submit the following:

- This Application Cover Sheet & Questionnaire
- One or two paragraphs on your general topic of study and interest for a future U.S. Latino/a/x/e humanities dissertation research project.
- Personal Statement and Narrative (1000 word or less). Describe your research areas and general topic of study and future dissertation research; your interest in participating in the Summer Institute: what you expect to accomplish by participating, and indicating how this experience will benefit your studies and career.
- Full CV
- Two confidential letters of recommendation.
Please note, letters of Recommendation will also be shared with prospective faculty research mentors.

Statement of Commitment

I hereby certify that I have read all the application materials for the 2025 Crossing Latinidades Summer Institute in Latino Humanities Methodologies and Theories and the 2025-2026 Crossing Latinidades Mellon Pre-dissertation Research Fellowship. I acknowledge that I am working on a dissertation proposal focused on topics dealing with **U.S. Latino/a/x/e Studies**. I commit to participate in all activities and programs. Failure to fully participate for the duration of the Summer Institute may result in the revocation of my award payment and not being considered for the Crossing Latinidades Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

Signature

Date

Print Name