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HUMANITIES INSTITUTE
LuESTHER T. MERTZ LIBRARY

CUNY–New York Botanical Garden | Humanities Institute
Graduate Research Fellowship

Summer 2019

The **Early Research Initiative** invites applications for two **CUNY–NYBG | Humanities Institute Graduate Research Fellowships**. These CUNY sponsored **$4000** fellowships will be offered to CUNY Graduate Center Ph.D. students (Level I onward) from any program with primary research interests related to the environmental humanities that can be studied using the collections of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library at NYBG. The Humanities Institute is a division within the Mertz Library, one of the most comprehensive botanical libraries worldwide, with holdings comprising eight centuries of knowledge about the **plant** kingdom and related topics. The primary responsibilities of the fellowship recipient will be to conduct their own research and collaborate with curators and archivists to expand public awareness of the important historical materials that reflect worldwide knowledge of plant science and culture, the vision of nature, landscape and garden design.

While the rich and diverse collections of the Mertz Library span the early modern period to the contemporary moment and embrace the global as well as the local, it is offering CUNY students, the opportunity to complete a study project focused on any area related to the environmental humanities, highlighting the interconnectivity between the arts and sciences.

Responsibilities:
Fellowship recipients will be required to be in residence for **120 hours** over the summer of 2019 at the LuEsther T. Mertz Library at NYBG; in addition, recipients will be required to do a brief public presentation on their work progress and write a blog post about their experiences before the end of the Fall 2019 semester.

How to Apply:
To apply please send a letter of interest describing your research interests and related experience with specific reference to how your proposed research would use materials at the Mertz library, 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
3) Email your file directly to **fellowshipapps@gc.cuny.edu**

Application Deadline: February 28th, 2019