2018 UCLA Library Special Collections Research Fellowships

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The UCLA Library Special Collections Research Fellowships Program supports the use of special collections materials by visiting scholars and UCLA graduate students. Collections that are administered by UCLA Library Special Collections and available for fellowship-supported research include rare books, journals, manuscripts, archives, printed ephemera, photographs and other audiovisual materials, oral history interviews, and other items in the humanities and social sciences; medical, life and physical sciences; visual and performing arts; and UCLA history.

The Fellowships

James and Sylvia Thayer Short-term Research Fellowships
Thayer fellowships provide support for research in any collections administered by UCLA Library Special Collections. Stipends range from $500 to $2,500 and vary yearly; grants in 2016 averaged $1,770 and in 2017 averaged $1,500. Awards are funded by an endowment established by longtime UCLA benefactors James and Sylvia Thayer.

Barbara Rootenberg Short-term Research Fellowship in the History of Medicine and the Life Sciences
The Rootenberg fellowship promotes the use of materials in History & Special Collections for the Sciences in UCLA Library Special Collections. One annual fellowship is awarded in the amount of $1,000. The award is named for Barbara Rootenberg, an alumna of the UCLA School of Library Service and an internationally-renowned antiquarian bookseller.

Kenneth Karmiole Endowed Research Fellowship in UCLA Library Special Collections
The Karmiole fellowship supports the use of UCLA Library Special Collections materials by visiting scholars and graduate students. One annual fellowship will be awarded in the amount of $5,000 to allow scholars to pursue research lasting from one to three months. The award is funded by an endowment established by Kenneth Karmiole, an internationally-renowned antiquarian bookseller who earned his master’s degree in library science from UCLA in 1971. Information and application details are available at <www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/karmiole-fellowships>.

R.B. Kitaj Fellowship
The Kitaj fellowship will allow scholars to pursue research lasting up to two months in UCLA Library Special Collections. One fellowship will be awarded in the amount of $2,500. The R.B. Kitaj Research Fellowship award is funded by the R.B. Kitaj Studio Project, a non-profit dedicated to promoting the legacy of American painter R.B. Kitaj (1932-2007). The fellowship was initiated to encourage research into and creative work inspired by Kitaj, an internationally renowned painter and intellectual. [continued]
Born in Ohio, Kitaj spent much of his career in London, where he was a key participant in what is known as the “School of London.” He spent the last decade of his life in Los Angeles. In addition to a rich body of artwork, Kitaj left behind a large collection of papers and musings, now housed at UCLA Library Special Collections in the Charles E. Young Research Library. Kitaj Research Fellow awardees are expected to be in residence at UCLA Library Special Collections and to make use of the *R.B. Kitaj Papers (Collection 1741)*. Information and application details are available at <www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/kitaj-fellowships>.

**Ahmanson Research Fellowships for the Study of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts and Books**

Ahmanson Fellowships support the use of medieval and Renaissance monographic and manuscript holdings in UCLA Library Special Collections: the *Ahmanson-Murphy Collection of the Aldine Press*, the *Ahmanson-Murphy Collection of Early Italian Printing*, the *Elmer Belt Library of Vinciana*, the *Orsini Family Papers*, the *Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts Collection*, the *Richard and Mary Rouse Collection of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts and Early Printed Books*, and the *Medieval and Renaissance Arabic and Persian Medical Manuscripts*. The fellowships provide $2,500 per month for up to three months. Administered by the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, this program requires an application separate from that for Thayer, Rootenberg, and Karmiole fellowships; information is available on the Center website at <www.cmrs.ucla.edu/awards-fellowships/ahmanson/>.

**Eligibility**

**Thayer and Rootenberg Fellowships**

United States citizens and permanent residents with the legal right to work in the U.S. who are engaged in graduate-level, post-doctoral, academic, or independent research are invited to apply. Research residencies may last up to three months between January 3 and December 15, 2018.

**Karmiole Fellowships**

United States citizens and permanent residents with the legal right to work in the U.S. who are engaged in graduate-level, post-doctoral, academic, or independent research are invited to apply. Research residencies may last from one to three months between January 3 and December 15, 2018. Information and application details are available at <www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/karmiole-fellowships>.

**Kitaj Fellowships**

United States citizens and permanent residents with the legal right to work in the U.S. who are engaged in graduate-level, post-doctoral, academic, or independent research are invited to apply. Research residencies may last up to three months between January 3 and August 31, 2018. Information and application details are available at <www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/kitaj-fellowships>.

**Ahmanson Fellowships**

United States and international graduate students or scholars holding a PhD (or the foreign equivalent) who are engaged in graduate-level, postdoctoral, or independent research are invited to apply. Research residencies may last up to three months between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.
Application Contents and Instructions for Thayer and Rootenberg Fellowships

Researchers can submit a single application for “Short-term Research Fellowships” in order to be considered for either the Thayer or Rootenberg fellowships. Applications must be received on or before November 1, 2017.

Applications must include:
- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Outline of research topic and special collections to be used (two pages maximum)
- Brief budget for travel, living, and research expenses
- Dates to be spent in residence
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or other scholars familiar with the research project. Please note that the committee cannot consider letters of recommendation from librarians or staff of the UCLA Library.

Application materials for the Thayer and Rootenberg Fellowships, including letters of recommendation, may be submitted in PDF format by email to <lib_lscfellowships@library.ucla.edu>. Letters of recommendation in PDF format can also be sent by email, either by the person writing them or by the applicant.

Review Process and Notification

A committee will evaluate the research proposals, and applicants will be notified of the the committee’s decision by email on or before December 1, 2017. Fellows may be asked to speak briefly about their recent or ongoing research at an informal brownbag session with local scholars during their visit.

Contact Information

Submit applications or direct questions about fellowships to:

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