Center for Primary Research and Training Graduate Student Positions

The Center for Primary Research and Training (CFPRT) seeks applications from UCLA graduate students for positions that provide first-hand experience in working with archives and special collections material. CFPRT scholars may work full time during the summer quarter, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am-5pm, and up to 19 hours per week during the academic year. Graduate scholars are paid $19.54 per hour. A minimum of 12 hours per week is strongly encouraged. Summer 2022 positions will be primarily on-site in Young Research Library (YRL).

To be considered for positions, please email an application, letter of interest, and a CV or résumé to:
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Application deadline for the summer employment is Monday, May 31st.
Application materials and more information about the Center can be found on our website at: http://www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/at-this-location/center-primary-research-training-cfprt

Position Descriptions

Processing or archival experience not required for the positions below.

Processing Scholar: Larry Clark papers (L.A. Rebellion collection)
Project duration: Summer

Director and writer Larry Clark (born 1948) is a filmmaker associated with the L.A. Rebellion movement, a generation of Black filmmakers who studied at UCLA in the late-1960s to the late-1980s. His papers comprise a series in the larger L.A. Rebellion collection and contain pamphlets, programs, press, correspondence, and ephemera from film festival, symposia, and film programming. Material primarily focuses on Clark's film, Passing Through (1977). In addition to archival processing, the scholar will contribute to outreach efforts which support discovery and access to the materials.

Desired skills: Background in film studies, familiarity with L.A. Rebellion preferred.

Research Scholar
Project duration: Summer

The Research Scholar will conduct hands-on, detailed original research using Library Special Collections (LSC) holdings to conceptualize and develop programming, instruction materials, or other projects which contextualize LSC’s primary sources. Research Scholar projects are a targeted attempt to engage a broader audience in primary source research and knowledge creation. Scholars are encouraged to propose research projects using LSC materials relevant to their own research or personal interests. We hope that these projects provide an opportunity to apply a critical lens to wider stewardship practices and to uplift individuals, narratives, and events which have not historically been amplified by LSC.
Desired skills: Applicants should possess strong written and oral communication skills, be highly organized and detail-oriented, and have experience conducting research. Cover letters should indicate several specific LSC collections you would anticipate working with.