

UIC Library Special Collections Graduate Student Fellowships 2018-2019



Mayor Richard J. Daley speaks from a raised platform at the opening of the Archer-Ashland overpass, 1958. Richard J. Daley Collection.

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Library is offering Graduate Student Fellowships to further research using the holdings of Special Collections and University Archives.

Special Collections at the Richard J. Daley Library houses manuscripts, rare books, photographs, and artifacts on the social, political, and cultural history of Chicago. The Library of the Health Sciences-Chicago Special Collections documents the city's rich history as a center for the education and practice of the medical arts. Premier collections include the papers of Richard J. Daley, the Chicago Urban League, the Century of Progress, exemplars of 21st century design, and the Chicago settlement house movement.

More information is available at library.uic.edu/home/collections/special-collections-university-archives.

An interdisciplinary committee will review the applications, and selections will be announced in early May 2018. Up to three Fellowships will be awarded.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS EXTENDED: January 31, 2018

AWARD CYCLE: The UIC academic year begins August 16 and ends August 15. For this awards cycle, projects may begin any time after acceptance in May 2018 and end by August 15, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY: The award is open to graduate students enrolled in graduate degree programs at UIC. All academic disciplines are eligible. Preference is given to applicants who plan to use UIC political manuscript collections. Past UIC Special Collections fellows are eligible.

AWARD: \$2,000 for one semester during the 2017/18 or 2018/19 academic years. The Fellowship does not include a tuition waiver. The stipend will be paid in one installment one at the beginning of the fellowship semester.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Fellows are required to submit a midterm report and final report. Fellows may be invited to give a presentation on their research.

APPLICATIONS: A completed application consists of the following components:

1. A cover letter that includes a title and description of your research project and preferred semester of the fellowship.
2. Statement of purpose (300-500 words): Explain the nature of your project and the sources you expect to use in the UIC Library's Special Collections and University Archives.
3. Proposed outcome of research such as a paper, thesis, etc. (100 to 200 words): Briefly explain how this fellowship will aid in the completion of your project.
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Letter of recommendation from your advisor evaluating your proposed project. The letter may be sent separately, but in your application please include the name, email address, and affiliation of the person who will be writing the recommendation.

Electronic submissions only:

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For questions, please contact lib-fellowships@uic.edu.

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