

STRC GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INVITATION & GUIDELINES

INVITATION TO APPLY

You have been nominated to apply for DePaul's **Social Transformation Research Collaborative Graduate Fellowship**. MA students in the College of LAS whose primary scholarly or creative field lies within the humanities and whose academic interests relate to the histories, legacies and/or cultures of people of color in the United States or in diaspora, are eligible to be nominated and to apply.

Purpose and Objectives

The STRC is working to demonstrate how the humanities deepen our understanding of ourselves and our society, and empower us to act, ethically and responsibly, to counter racism, dismantle violence, and build a more just and equitable society. The STRC Graduate Fellowship is designed to support Graduate Fellows' professional development through workshops that support their intellectual and professional growth and provide the opportunity to work closely with a faculty mentor and to present their work in professional settings.

Fellowship Description

The program will begin in Spring Quarter 2025 and be open to humanities MA students in the College of LAS. **Six students** will be awarded a fellowship that provides stipendiary support for participating in the following: **one introductory orientation in Spring 2025, six Professional Development workshops (three in Spring 2025 and three in Summer 2025), and serving as a panelist in a roundtable presentation at the Annual Fall STRC Symposium in October 2025.**

Each three-hour workshop will conclude with students producing deliverables for their career objectives. Examples of such deliverables could include a professional CV and cover letter; a short Op-Ed piece; a written proposal for submission to an online or print journal; a pitch to a book publisher for fiction, non-fiction, or poetry; written reflections on positioning oneself for a career in the Humanities; or filmed mock-interviews, among other options. The workshop series will culminate in a roundtable presentation by the graduate fellows at our Annual STRC symposium in October 2025 where they will share what they have learned and produced as well as how this experience has helped them to build careers in social justice in the humanities and build strong collaborative relationships within and beyond DePaul. Finally, the Graduate Fellows will be encouraged and provided support to attend an external professional conference.

Fellowships will begin March 31, 2025 and continue through October 31, 2025. Fellows will receive a \$2500 stipend in three installments over the spring, summer and fall quarters, contingent upon their participation in the workshops and completion of deliverables. Each student will also have access to up to \$1500 for travel to an academic or professional conference.

Fellows will produce their work according to the following timeline:

Deadlines	Deliverable
<i>Required</i>	
3/31/25	Spring Fellowship Start (1 introductory orientation + deliverable after each workshop (3) total)
6/16/25	Summer Fellowship Start (deliverable after each workshop-3 total)
8/29/25	STRC Conference Talk Outline
10/1/25	Draft STRC Conference Talk PowerPoint (7 pages)
10/21/25	STRC Conference Presentation
<i>Optional</i>	
Complete between 3/31/25 and 3/30/26	National conference attendance (approved by Faculty Director and based on student's disciplinary or professional goals)

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Should you wish to accept this nomination and submit an application, please review the FAQ and direct any additional questions to the directors of the STRC, Julie Moody-Freeman and Bill Johnson González: jmoodyfr@depaul.edu and bjohns58@depaul.edu.

STAGE	DATE
Faculty Nomination Period Opens	February 2, 2025
Faculty Nomination Period Closes	February 17, 2025
Student Application opens	February 18, 2025
Student Application closes	March 3, 2025
Award Notifications	March 14, 2025

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application requires the following items, each of which is described in detail below.

- Completed Online Application Form
- Completed response 1
- Complete response 2
- Unofficial Transcript
- Resume
- Potential national conference list

1. Completed Online Application Form

The online application must be submitted between the application's opening date (February 18, 2025) and closing date (March 3, 2025 at 11:59 pm).

2. Response 1

Please provide a statement (500 words or less, double-spaced, 12-point font) that describes, as specifically as possible, how courses that you have completed at DePaul and your own research align with the STRC's mission to demonstrate how the humanities deepen our understanding of ourselves and our society, and empower us to act, ethically and responsibly, to counter racism, dismantle violence, and build a more just and equitable society.

3. Response 2

Please provide a statement (500 words or less, double-spaced, 12-point font) that answers the following:

- a) Why are you applying for this fellowship?
- b) What are your career goals upon completion of your MA degree?
- c) How will these workshops be useful for your career after DePaul?

4. Unofficial Transcript

Submit an updated unofficial transcript (the kind you can download from Campus Connect).

5. Resume

Submit a recent resume.

6. Potential Conference List

Each graduate fellow will have access to up to \$1500 to defray the cost of attending a national professional conference relating to their disciplinary or professional goals. If you have any conferences in mind now, please list them here. (This is not required.)

POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

As a condition of accepting the award, Fellows commit to the following:

1. Fellows will attend **one introductory orientation in Spring 2025, three Professional Development workshops in Spring 2025, and three Professional Development workshops in Summer 2025.**
2. **Fellows will participate as panelists at a roundtable presentation at the Annual Fall STRC Symposium in October 2025.**
3. Fellows will produce and submit deliverables after each developmental workshop.
4. If fellows attend a national academic or professional conference as part of their fellowship, they will submit a 1-2 page reflection on their experience to the STRC. If

fellows present at a national conference, they will also submit a copy of that work to the STRC.

5. Fellows' submitted workshop deliverables, STRC roundtable presentation, and national conference paper or report will be placed in the STRC's online archive in Via Sapientiae and may appear on the public-facing STRC website, with author permission.