

LA CASA CULTURAL  
SCHOLAR OF THE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP 2016  
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

1. The La Casa Cultural Scholar of the House Fellowship is intended to encourage research in the field of Latina/o Studies, broadly defined. Recognizing the dearth of funding for projects that propose to study relevant issues concerning U.S. Latina/o communities, the award seeks to fill such a void and enhance the chosen student's ability to complete their proposed study. Current sophomores and juniors of all disciplines and majors are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in Yale College for full-time study, have achieved at least a 3.25 GPA, and submit all relevant application materials before the **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** deadline for consideration.
2. The award is for *independent study and research* for a year-long project. It cannot be for mere travel, or for a program of work, however valuable. An internship, for example with a government agency, is a valid use only if there is a *significant* component of study or research, which must be clearly and carefully identified in the applicant's proposal. Creative projects are also valid. "Independent" suggests that enrollment in courses relevant to the proposed project is not in itself valid use. Being part of a research team—in the sciences, for example—is valid, since in certain fields research is typically done in teams rather than alone.
3. The amount to be awarded is \$1500, with \$1000 for the summer and \$500 for the fall semester. Ordinarily, the money should be used to defray actual expenses of research, such as travel to, and sustenance at, a distant archive. The award can also be used to purchase equipment for the successful completion of the project, though the full amount cannot be used exclusively for these purposes.
4. Applications should be submitted to [LaCasaScholar@gmail.com](mailto:LaCasaScholar@gmail.com) on or before Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, by 5:00PM. A completed application form, one-page proposal detailing your research project and its relevance to the Latina/o community, sample budget, unofficial up-to-date transcript, one faculty letter of recommendation are required for consideration to be named Scholar of the House. Candidates will be notified by mid-April.
5. The student named Scholar of the House is obligated to spend at least 4 hours per week at La Casa Cultural throughout the academic school year working on their project and building the intellectual life of the center through their work. The Scholar of the House will present their project on two occasions during the year: once during Spring Semester to discuss the progress of their research at CAL6 and once again during the Fall Semester upon completion of the project. Also, the Scholar of the House will be assigned a graduate mentor to work through any issues that arise as the research is being executed.
6. **The recipient must complete a Summer Fellowship Summary Report and submit it to Dean Eileen Galvez by 5:00 PM on Monday, September 26, 2016.** He/she will receive a copy of the Summary Report with their letter of award.
7. The student named Scholar of the House is obligated to inform Dean Eileen Galvez if they receive another grant. The Scholar of the House Fellowship is for the project proposed and the money is to be spent in the way proposed. If circumstances arise that require a student to change the project in any significant way, the student should call Dean Eileen Galvez for advice and approval, and if a student's plans change completely, the student should return the money.