Graduate Fellowships Available
2015-2016

Cultures of Law in Global Contexts
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Deadline: February 23, 2015, 5pm

As part of an interdisciplinary initiative sponsored by the Graduate College’s INTERSECT initiative, we invite applications for one-year graduate fellowships in the interdisciplinary research group “Cultures of Law in Global Contexts” (http://www.culturesoflaw.illinois.edu/).

Description: “Cultures of Law in Global Contexts” (CLGC) promotes intellectual exchange among the Humanities, Arts, and Law, as well as to examine synergies of culture and law in various contexts.

The project grows out of recognition of the serious challenges emerging from the multiplicity of systems of justice globally, leading to confusion and confrontation on several fronts: clandestine economies and the criminalization of poverty; terrorism and ultranationalism; sustainability and economic development; gender, race, and immigration; medical law and ethics. These require scholars to understand and communicate not only across national/continental/linguistic borders but also across disciplinary lines, particularly in an age where interactions among peoples from different cultural backgrounds increase with unprecedented speed and scale.

CLGC cultivates an interdisciplinary environment in which graduate students study the relationships between culture and law in a global framework, with attention both to macro phenomena and local histories.

Fellowship Support: $20,000 stipend, plus a waiver of tuition, service fee, AFMA fee, and library fee, for the 2015-16 academic year. In addition, the University will provide payment of the health service fee, basic dental and vision coverage, and partial payment of the graduate student health insurance fee per semester. For further details about the financial and insurance package, please contact the Graduate College at grad@illinois.edu

Requirements: Fellowship recipients will be required to attend CLGC events during the 2015-16 academic year; collaborate in the public presentation of their research with other CLGC participants at the CLGC annual symposium; and be in residence on the Urbana-Champaign campus during the fellowship year.

Eligibility: As per INTERSECT guidelines, applicants must be currently enrolled in or admitted to a Ph.D. or MFA program in the Humanities or Arts at the University of
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Successful applicants will have demonstrated interest and expertise in questions of law and culture, along with interdisciplinary methods. If you have any question on your eligibility, please email culturesoflaw@gmail.com.

Current or past CLGC fellows may apply for a renewal of funding, though preference will be given to new applicants. A commitment to intellectual and experiential diversity is central to the aims of this program. We therefore especially encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented populations, such as women, people of color, and those who self-identify as LGBT.

To apply: Send the following materials as attachments to culturesoflaw@gmail.com by 5pm on February 23, 2015:

1. Letter of application detailing qualifications and research goals in the areas of law and culture
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Writing sample (no more than 25 pages)
4. Please arrange to have two letters of recommendation (from faculty members familiar with your academic work) sent directly to culturesoflaw@gmail.com.

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For more information on the Intersect initiative, please consult the Graduate College website: http://www.grad.illinois.edu/intersect