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## Halle Graduate Global Research Fellows

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The Halle Institute for Global Research and Learning, in collaboration with Laney Graduate School, is pleased to announce the 2026 Graduate Global Research Fellows program for Laney Graduate School PhD students in the pre-candidacy stage. The program will fund up to twelve grants with maximum awards of \$5,000/grant.

The Halle Institute Graduate Global Research Fellows program is open to students conducting research outside the United States or for transnational projects where most of the research occurs outside of the United States. Students in the pre-candidacy phase who will be applying for major grants during the 2026-27 academic year are encouraged to apply. The program is open to students from all research traditions and LGS divisions.

The funding may be used to support a research trip abroad (between four and twelve weeks) or other research activities to determine the feasibility of a PhD dissertation project, or element thereof, prior to applying for nationally or internationally competitive external funding. The grant must be used during the summer following the award.

Students accepted to the program are strongly encouraged to register for the Fall 2026 Grant Writing Seminar for Humanities and Social Sciences. This seminar will teach the fundamentals of finding funding opportunities and writing grant applications in an interdisciplinary context. Hands-on, writing-intensive workshop sessions provide the necessary scaffolding for advancing a grant proposal, so that participants can submit a dissertation research or dissertation completion fellowship application by the end of the semester.

Applications will be judged by a multi-disciplinary, multi-school faculty committee, based on the intellectual merit of the proposed research, the student's progress toward the degree, and the potential for writing an excellent proposal for future external support. **Exemplary proposals will be free of jargon and have clear methods, budget and timelines.**

The Halle Institute Global Fellows Program funding will support students conducting research taking place outside the United States. There are two tiers of funding available:

- **Up to \$2,500** to support global research for students for whom travel is not currently possible or not advisable
- **Up to \$5,000** to support global research, including travel

*Please note:* the grants will not count against PDS funding maximums. The grants will not support travel to conferences.

#### A. Eligibility Requirements

- Students must be enrolled in an eligible Emory doctoral program for the duration of the research and related sessions.
- Students must be in pre-candidacy and applying for nationally or internationally competitive external grants during the 2026-27 academic year.
- Students must be in good standing in the LGS and in their program at the time of the application and during the award period.
- Support can include reasonable living expenses at the fieldwork site for the duration of the research.
- If travel is not feasible, students may use the grant to pay in-country research assistants or interview subjects, or for other expenses that forward the research project or facilitate the collection of data.
- While a student receives a graduate school stipend, support will not be granted for living expenses at the student's primary residence. Applications for retroactive support will not be considered.

#### B. Proposal Guidelines

In **ONE pdf**, please include, in this order:

1. Research proposal of not more than 750 words including methods and specific research sites. Indicate which tier of funding you are applying for. Make it clear whether you are planning to travel to your research site or conduct your research remotely (with or without local assistance).
2. Statement of the grants that you will apply for, including deadlines.
3. Preliminary bibliography of no more than one page.
4. Tentative research timeline for the grant period.
5. Curriculum vita (two pages maximum), with a notation of date of expected comprehensive exam and/or prospectus defense.
6. Clear budget including supporting documentation for any planned costs. Please provide as much detailed information as possible and explain the connection between your budget and research plans.

***Allowable expenses include:***

- airfare, train tickets
- accommodation and food
- local transportation
- consumables (including publication/printing costs)
- hourly wages, and/or local transportation for in-country research assistants if you are not traveling to the research site
- compensation/honoraria for interviewees/community partners

***Non-allowable expenses:***

- indirect and overhead costs
- equipment, unless clearly justified
- computers, including laptops, (excluding access to high-performance computers or other specialized applications that are justified within the project proposal) and basic computing facilities such as printers, word processing and other standard software

C. Additional items:

- Letter of reference from your advisor. Letters should be sent directly to Kelly Richmond Yates, Associate Director of the Halle Institute for Global Research at [kyates2@emory.edu](mailto:kyates2@emory.edu).
- Complete *International Travel Clearance* form on LaneyConnect.

D. Review

1. The complete application must be submitted to the Halle Institute for Global Research and Learning at [halle.global@emory.edu](mailto:halle.global@emory.edu) by **11:59pm, Sunday, February 1, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered.
2. Proposals will be evaluated by the Halle Institute Peer Review Committee and final rankings will be reviewed by the Director of the Halle Institute.
3. Research proposals must be clearly written for a multi-disciplinary, multi-school audience. Explain the significance of your proposal without the use of jargon. Make sure that your budget and project timeline are clearly related. Committee members should have no difficulty determining when different parts of the project will be carried out.
4. Applicants will be notified by early March about the results of their application.
5. Global Fellows must submit a written report, and photos, including a brief narrative of the research and the use of the awarded funds to the Halle Institute, within 30 days of the completion of the research.

***Questions?***

*Please contact Kelly Richmond Yates, Associate Director, Halle Institute for Global Research and Learning, [kyates2@emory.edu](mailto:kyates2@emory.edu).*