

Call for FAU Next Wave Graduate Fellowships

In the interest of promoting diversity in the College, supporting scholarship and creative achievement on a vital area of the globe, and in proactively confronting issues that are at the forefront of our national and hemispheric conversation, the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters will provide three competitive Next Wave Graduate Fellowships (one MA or MM, one MFA, one Ph. D.) for the 2023-24 academic year. Each Fellowship is in the amount of \$3,000, which will be added to the standard Graduate Teaching Assistantship offered by the student's department and, pending satisfactory progress, will be renewable for the duration of the student's funding in their program. In addition to their primary GTA assignment, Fellows will assist the Study of the Americas Initiative and its efforts as best aligns with the Fellow's own research/creative endeavors. This includes, but is not limited to: organizing or supporting programming, assisting faculty research projects, developing promotional material and engaging in outreach to various constituencies in and outside the institution. The assignment may be minor or more significant, depending on the GTA's other duties and assignments.

Interested students should submit their application for the fellowship to eberlats@fau.edu with the subject heading "Next Wave" by February 21, 2023. The application should include a c.v. and a Statement of Intent that explains how the student's research interests or creative activity intersects with the areas of interest explored in the College's Study of the Americas Initiative. Fellowships can be awarded to admitted applicants to any of the graduate programs in the College of Arts and Letters.

About the Americas Initiative

The Study of the Americas Initiative takes full advantage of FAU's location at the nexus of South, North and Central America and the Caribbean to bring different spaces of the western hemisphere into conversation by providing fora for discussion for scholars in all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The Initiative supports interdisciplinary research and creative efforts engaging in the comparative analysis of culture, history, society, politics, music, art, media, language and literature of the Americas, and exploring the interconnections between North, South and Central America and the Caribbean.

Recent faculty hires in this area demonstrate the diversity, breadth and significance of these concerns. They include:

- Study of Africana/Latinx cultural productions
- Social, political cultural and economic conditions of diasporic peoples
- Immigration, migration and civil rights law
- Transnational political movements and cultural
- Economic dislocations, commerce and entrepreneurship
- Sports and cultural policy
- Decolonial theory and theories of race
- Intercultural, transnational and intersectional communication
- Emerging technologies, new media, and diasporic networking

- Gender and sexuality studies

More details on the Americas Initiative can be found here:

<https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/college-initiatives/americas-initiative/> or contact Dr. William Trapani, Director of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (wtrapan1@fau.edu).