



The Cohen Center
for the Humanities

Making Space for Interdisciplinary Ideas

Cohen Center Graduate Scholarship Awards

Cohen Center Graduate Scholarships is an initiative started by The Cohen Center for the Humanities to provide up to two years of financial support to students from underrepresented groups **or** first-generation college students. Recipients of this competitive scholarship must be doing scholarly work with a substantial humanities component. The second year of funding is dependent on making satisfactory progress in their program of study.

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Award

- \$5,000/year (\$2,500/semester) for up to two years of study
- Second year of scholarship contingent on making satisfactory progress according to the program's graduate director and/or faculty, as well as fulfillment of responsibilities (see below)

Criteria

- The student must be 1) from an underrepresented group and/or 2) a first-generation college student (defined as neither parent having earned a bachelor's degree)
- The student must demonstrate a financial need as established through a completed FAFSA
- The student's research/scholarly agenda must include a substantial humanities component

Process

1. Graduate programs nominate up to two (2) incoming students by forwarding copies of their personal statements they used to apply to the program
2. The graduate director writes a letter of support for each nominated student
3. A panel of graduate faculty, including Cohen Center Faculty Affiliates, select the scholarship recipients and notify the directors of their programs
4. Program directors notify the students, including the scholarship as part of their admissions package

Responsibilities

- Become involved with the THRIVE program
- Promote graduate education to first-generation undergraduate students