



THE WATSON SCHOOL
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BROWN UNIVERSITY

THE WILLIAM R. RHODES CENTER
FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
AND FINANCE

Fellowships for Brown Students and Faculty

The William R. Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance is pleased to announce three fellowship opportunities for Brown University students and faculty for 2026:

1. Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship
2. Graduate Research Fellowship
3. Faculty Research Fellowship

These are open to all students and faculty whose research is on issues of, and related to, political economy, international economics, and finance across all disciplines.

The deadline for submission of application materials for all grants is April 1, 2026.

All materials should be submitted to rhodes_center@brown.edu

1. Rhodes Center Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship

Supports thesis research by Brown undergraduates whose focus of study is on issues of, and related to, political economy, international economics, and finance across all disciplines. Fellowship funds support archival, library, and on-site field research in any geographic location outside of the United States.

Eligibility

Undergraduates in their junior year (rising seniors) are eligible to apply for this opportunity to fund thesis research in the summer before senior year.

Amount and Duration of Fellowship

Fellowship funding of up to \$3,000 is available for one summer research period.

Criteria for Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their recommendations to the Director of the Rhodes Center. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- b) the likelihood that the fellowship will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- c) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Conditions

Fellowship funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 30 days of the completion of the fellowship period, the recipient must provide the Rhodes Center with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the fellowship, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 2-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted during the fellowship; and a description of how these goals are to be met, with particular attention to the necessity of pre-dissertation research travel.
- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the fellowship funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.
- g) **To be submitted separately**, a letter in support of the application by the student's senior thesis advisor.

2. Rhodes Center Graduate Research Fellowship

Supports research by doctoral candidates whose focus of study is on issues of, and related to, political economy, international economics, and finance across all disciplines. Fellowship funds support archival, library, and on-site field research in any geographic location outside of the United States.

Eligibility

Doctoral students working in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences at Brown are eligible to apply. For pre-dissertation fellowships, priority will be given to doctoral students in the first three years of study. For dissertation research fellowships, priority will be given to students who have advanced to candidacy.

Amount and Duration of Fellowship

Fellowship funding of up to \$3,000 is available for pre-dissertation research and up to \$5,000 for dissertation research, in both cases for research activities up to one year in duration.

Criteria for Selection

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their recommendations to the Director of the Rhodes Center. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- b) the likelihood that the fellowship will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- c) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Conditions

Funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 60 days of the completion of the fellowship period, the recipient must provide the Rhodes Center with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the

fellowship, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

For pre-dissertation research fellowships, each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 2-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted during the fellowship; and a description of how these goals are to be met, with particular attention to the necessity of pre-dissertation research travel.
- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the fellowship funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.
- g) **To be submitted separately**, a letter in support of the application by the student's primary advisor.

For dissertation research fellowships, each application should include:

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department; year in program; and name of primary advisor
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 3-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project (avoiding specialist jargon as much as possible); its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted during the fellowship; and a description of how these goals are to be met (including a note on expected candidacy.) A 1-page bibliography or list of references may be added to the 3- page proposal.

- d) A current curriculum vitae
- e) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the fellowship funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- f) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.
- g) **To be submitted separately**, a letter in support of the application by the student's primary advisor.

3. Rhodes Center Faculty Research Fellowship

Supports research by Brown faculty members whose focus of study is on issues of, and related to, political economy, international economics, and finance across all disciplines. The fellowship supports archival, library, and on-site field research in any geographic location outside of the United States.

Eligibility

Brown faculty working in any discipline in the humanities and social sciences at Brown are eligible to apply.

Amount and Duration of Fellowship

A limited number of fellowships are available with funding of up to \$10,000 for one year.

Criteria for Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty reviewers who will make their recommendations to the Director of the Rhodes Center. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- a) the intrinsic merit of the work and the potential impact of the project on the academic field of study;
- b) the likelihood that the fellowship will provide significant progress on a project that would not be possible without funding; and
- c) the academic record of the applicant, which must provide evidence of ability to complete the proposed project.

Conditions

Funds may be applied toward reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research and scholarship. Some, but not all, allowable expenses include: travel, lodging, and meals while conducting research; costs of reproducing research materials; purchase of books relevant to the research project.

Reporting Requirements

Within 60 days of the completion of the fellowship period, the recipient must provide the Rhodes Center with a final report that describes the work accomplished as a result of the fellowship, indicates what progress was made on the project, and explains any changes to the project as defined in the original proposal.

Application Requirements

- a) Name of the applicant; his/her department
- b) Proposal title
- c) A 250-word abstract of the proposal
- d) A 3-page proposal (single-spaced, Arial font, at a size of 11 point or higher, with margins of at least 0.5"). The proposal should explain the research project; its significance within the field of study; the goals of the research to be conducted during the fellowship; and a description of how these goals are to be met. A 1-page bibliography or list of references may be added to the 3-page proposal. The page limits will be enforced; proposals over the limit will not be considered.
- e) A current curriculum vitae
- f) A budget that itemizes general categories of expenses for which the fellowship funds will be used and a brief justification for the expenses.
- g) A list of the applicant's other current and pending funding for the proposed project, whether from external sources or from grants internal to Brown.