

**The Department of English at the University of Houston Offers  
David Judkins Ph.D. Dissertation Progress Grant to advance Anti-Racist Projects (\$2,000 Award)**

This award benefit students completing Ph.D. Dissertation projects in areas relating to Black Studies and anti-racism, including but not limited to the study of BIPOC writer(s) and cultural figures and movements, research and creative work responding to BIPOC issues in any period, geographical location, or text(s). Last year, Emeritus Professor David Judkins gifted the Chair's Excellence Fund with money to support "what we deem most important." We value and support our graduate students' ability to complete their theses on time and we value work that recognizes, analyzes, and promotes the end of racism. Therefore, we created this \$2000 award in his name to be administered this spring 2021, and annually each Spring, until the money runs out.

**Criteria/eligibility:**

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be considered:

- Ph.D. student in the Department of English in any concentration whose dissertation is in progress, priority to Literature and RCP students;
- In good academic standing, with exams and *prospectus* are successfully completed (i.e., the student is "officially" ABD);
- With exam list/rationale and prospectus showing significant engagement with BIPOC and/or anti-racist/anti-colonial literary/theoretical traditions and forms;
- proposed project will advance research or understanding of BIPOC writer(s) and/or BIPOC issues in any period, geographical location, or text.

**Supporting documents:**

- LOR from applicant's thesis director
- applicant's C.V.
- Original project proposal/prospectus
- Candidate's Statement about how the project—its origins, evolution, intent-- addresses above issues, include any goals for publication and so forth.

**Award Procedure:**

Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by a peer or faculty member

The recipient of the award will be determined by an awards committee comprising the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of English and two faculty members selected by the Director.

Application materials should be sent to the Director of Graduate Studies, Department of English, Roy G. Cullen, University of Houston.