Program in American Studies

The Program in American Studies invites applications for a small number of research prizes to graduate students working towards Ph.D. degrees in departments associated with the Program. We expect to make no more than three such awards:

- Up to two prizes, each for no more than $4,000 may go to students who are not yet committed to a particular dissertation topic, but who wish to use the research award to explore in a preliminary way the possibility of working on a topic dealing with American Studies. The expectation is that these prizes will go to students for use during their first or second summers as Ph.D. students at Princeton. In addition to the application, applicants for these prizes need to submit a project proposal up to five pages in length, a research budget, a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor, a CV, and a description of how they propose to use the resources we offer.

- In addition, a third prize for $5,000 may go to an exceptional DCE (dissertation continued enrollment) student working on a dissertation that is seriously engaged with core American Studies themes. In addition to the application, an applicant for this prize needs to submit a dissertation abstract, at least one completed chapter from the dissertation, a letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor, a CV, and a description of how the applicant intends to use the prize money.

We expect prize winners to present their work during the 2015-16 academic year in the graduate salon of the Program in American Studies and to participate in the American Studies Workshop and in other events and activities of the Program.

The deadline for submission of all application materials is February 15, 2015 for fellowships that will be awarded by June 2015. Applicants should submit the application via the Summer Funding Application available on the Graduate School website.

All supporting materials should be submitted c/o the American Studies Program, 42 McCosh Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ or emailed to jferszt@princeton.edu. The names of the recipients will be announced by mid-May 2015.