

Robert D. McJimsey Summer Student Research Assistantships

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Robert D. McJimsey Summer Research Awards are offered yearly to up to two History, Classics-History-Politics, History-Political Science, History-Philosophy majors or History minors. Students must return to CC for at least one semester following the research award. Eligible students are those whose interests and skills match those of Colorado College History faculty sufficiently that they are able to support specific faculty in their research toward publication. Awards may be up to \$4,000 for ten weeks (or prorated for shorter periods). In the course of these assistantships, students work closely with individual professors to identify primary sources, survey and assess scholarly criticism, and support various stages of research and writing, from the formation of a research question through the correction of page proofs. Although such student involvement is of benefit to faculty scholarship, the primary goal of McJimsey awards is to support the development of students' research interests and skills through apprenticeship. Here, especially able and engaged students are able to participate in publishable research and experience the steps through which a scholarly project moves from initial conception toward book or article form.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Students are advised to read carefully through the application outlined below, and to contact the History office coordinator, Joanna Popiel (719-389-6523), or Professor Carol Neel (cneel@coloradocollege.edu) with any questions.

PROPOSAL: Applicants should prepare a proposal for ten weeks of summer assistantship in no more than 500 words. Because McJimsey awards assume close cooperation between a student and supervising faculty member, this proposal should explain the goals and status of the faculty member's research project, and articulate the specific ways in which student support will be useful in that project's completion. Categories of student work may include bibliographical research, survey of archival catalogs, assessment of secondary sources, translation, looking for references, response to preliminary drafts, or proofreading. Proposals should describe the ways in which project-specific work will contribute to the student's general academic and particular historical interests. It should also explain how the skills cultivated in the summer's assistantship support her/his long-term academic and intellectual goals.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Each application should be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the faculty member associated with the student's proposed summer work. This recommendation should affirm the value of the student's support for carrying forward a specific research project. The application requires a second recommendation from a faculty member of either the History or another CC department. If human subjects are involved, Institutional Review Board approval will be the faculty member's responsibility.

Application materials should be submitted as PDFs to Joanna Popiel (JPopiel@coloradocollege.edu) and to both the potential research supervisor and second referee, so that they may submit appropriate comments on the application to Professor Neel for eventual review by the History Department. Applications are due on the first day of Block 7, Monday. Students who receive an award may apply for rent-free on-campus summer housing through the Dean's Office, although housing is limited and not guaranteed.