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Biruté Ciplijauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship in Spanish Literature and Culture of the Iberian Peninsula

**Call for Nominations 2023-2024
DEADLINE: Thursday, February 9, 2023**

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison is pleased to announce it will be offering one Biruté Ciplijauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship in Peninsular Spanish literary and cultural studies for the 2023-2024 academic year. Made possible by the late Biruté Ciplijauskaitė, John Bascom Professor Emerita in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and a Senior Fellow of IRH, the fellowship is for an outstanding graduate student in an advanced stage of writing a dissertation supervised by a faculty member in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** One fellowship is usually awarded each year. The deadline for nomination submission to IRH is **February 9, 2023**. Awards will be announced by the end of March. The Department of Spanish & Portuguese will create its own internal deadline; interested students should check with the department for further information.

The Biruté Ciplijauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend (\$13,000), plus tuition remission, segregated fees, and graduate student health insurance benefits. Office space will be provided, as well as printing, scanning, and photocopying privileges. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the intellectual life of the IRH by attending the weekly Monday seminars (3:30 - 5:00 pm) and by working from their office space during the semester that they are funded. Dissertation fellows may continue their association with IRH throughout the academic year of their fellowship regardless of the semester chosen for the stipend and tuition remission. Dissertation fellows are also encouraged to join the informal lunches at IRH, weekly afternoon teas, writing groups, and various other IRH events throughout the year. Dissertation fellows are given the option to present at a Monday Seminar (schedule permitting) and garner feedback from the IRH community.

Nominees must have had their dissertation proposals accepted and should have written at least one chapter of the dissertation.

The Department of Spanish & Portuguese will select a nominee and send the required materials to the IRH Director for final approval by February 9th. The Department may nominate the same candidate for the Biruté Cipliauskaitė and Dana-Allen Fellowships at IRH, or choose a different candidate for each fellowship competition.

Nomination Materials

The nomination materials should be submitted to IRH via email by the nominating department (*not* the student) and should include the following items:

- [Completed Cipliauskaitė Nomination Form](#). PDF form available on the IRH Website (note that this application form requires a *shortened* 100-word dissertation abstract which will be significantly different from required dissertation *proposal* below).
- [Project/dissertation proposal](#). Up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should include a description of the project and its significance, a chapter outline, a summary of work accomplished to date, and a plan of work to be undertaken during the fellowship term.
- [Dissertation bibliography](#). Scholarship relevant to the project (up to 2 pages).
- [Curriculum Vitae](#). Including work forthcoming and in progress.
- [Letter of recommendation](#). From the student's dissertation director or advisor, which should address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, past work, and potential contributions to and benefits from being a fellow at the IRH.

Nomination Submission Directions for Department chair/administrator/DGS Submitter

- Once the department has selected the candidate they would like to forward to the IRH for Cipliauskaitė consideration, they will combine nominee's application materials (5 items listed above) into a single pdf file named as follows:
Cipliauskaitė_Diss.2023-2024.NomineeLastName.NomineeFirstName
- *Note: Please communicate across the department regarding the nomination. Inform all parties (chairs, director of graduate studies, graduate coordinators, administrators, and the student's advisor/dissertation director) of the nomination to assure proper award distribution.*
- Send the file to: info@irh.wisc.edu by **Thursday, February 9, 2023**. With the following subject line:
Cipliauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship Nomination, 2023-2024, Nominee Name

Deadline

- Deadline for request for nomination: **Determined by the Department of Spanish & Portuguese; check with the department chair/administrator for the internal deadline, required application materials, and application process.**

- Department chair/administrator/DGS deadline for submission of nomination materials to IRH: **February 9, 2023.**

Inquiries

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact Steven Nadler, IRH Director (smnadler@wisc.edu; 608-262-8151).
- For all other questions about this fellowship, contact IRH administrator, Katie Apsey (apsey@wisc.edu; 608-262-3855).
- For questions about the receipt of pdfs, contact IRH Project Assistant (info@irh.wisc.edu).