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## **Biruté Ciplijauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship in Peninsular Spanish Literature and Culture**

**Call for Nominations 2024-2025**

**DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2024**

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 2024–2025 academic year. Made possible by the late Biruté Ciplijauskaitė, John Bascom Professor Emerita in the Department of Spanish & 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 & Portuguese at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** One fellowship is typically awarded each year. The deadline for departmental submission of the nomination to IRH is **Friday, March 1, 2024**. 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. Dissertation 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/tuition remission/health insurance. 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. Schedule permitting, dissertation fellows are given the option to present at a Monday Seminar 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 before applying.**

**The Department of Spanish & Portuguese will select a nominee and send the required materials to the IRH for final approval by Friday, March 1, 2024.** 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.

Fellows may combine the Biruté Cipliauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship with another semester of support within an academic year, but the Cipliauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship may not be combined with another major fellowship (e.g., ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, departmental awards), project assistantship, teaching assistantship, or significant hourly position during the same semester that the fellow is receiving their Cipliauskaitė stipend from IRH. The Biruté Cipliauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship may **not** be deferred until a later date.

### **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. The form is found in the “UW-Madison Dissertation Fellowships” section of the IRH fellowships webpage: <https://irh.wisc.edu/irh-fellowships/> (scroll down to the expandable “internal fellowships” menu). Note that this application form requires a short 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**

#### **1) For student:**

- Request a recommendation letter from your dissertation director/advisor well before your department’s application deadline. Your advisor should send the recommendation letter directly to the department administrator or faculty member coordinating Cipliauskaitė applications.
- Carefully complete the [Cipliauskaitė Nomination Form](#) (make sure you have the proper departmental contacts listed and that your dissertation abstract is capped at 100 words).
- Collect and prepare the following documents: 1) 1,500-word dissertation proposal, 2) two-page dissertation bibliography, 3) CV.
- Combine nomination form and the 4 items above into a *single* PDF and submit to your department by their internal due date. (Note: your department may require

additional materials. Check with your chair, DGS, and/or administrator.) The file should be named in the following format:

Ciplijauskaite.2024-2025.ApplicantLastName.ApplicantFirstName.pdf

## **2) For department Chair/Administrator/DGS:**

- Once the department has selected the candidate they would like to forward to the IRH for consideration, they should combine the selected nominee's application packet pdf (see above) with the advisor's letter of recommendation. Save as a single pdf file named in the following format:

Ciplijauskaite.2024-2025.NomineeLastName.Nominee FirstName.pdf

- Send the pdf file to [info@irh.wisc.edu](mailto:info@irh.wisc.edu) by 11:59 pm CT Friday, March 1, 2024. With the following subject line: "Ciplijauskaitė Dissertation Fellowship Nomination, 2024-2025, [Nominee Name]"
- *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. IRH will inform nominated candidates and the department of their acceptance before late March.*

## **Deadline**

- Deadline for nomination submission to department (by applicant): Determined by the Spanish & Portuguese Department; check with the department chair/administrator for the internal deadline, required application materials, and application process.
- Deadline for nomination submission to IRH (by department chair, administrator, or DGS): **Friday, March 1, 2024.**

## **Inquiries**

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