Call for Applications
2016 Union Pacific Dissertation Research and Copy Grants
Applications Due: April 15, 2016

Research Grants
The Center for Early Modern History has allocated limited funds to award up to $1,000 per person to graduate students for dissertation research. Preference will be given to students who have recently passed prelims, or who plan to take them by May 2016, and who need to travel to archives anytime from May 15, 2016 to May 15, 2017 for an examination of materials that will help them frame a dissertation topic or continue work on a dissertation in progress. Grants are meant to defray the cost of air and (as needed) ground travel to and between archives and/or housing.

Interested students are asked to submit their applications via email to the Center for Early Modern History (cemh@umn.edu) by April 15, 2016. The application should consist of a one-page statement of purpose with identification of the specific research collections to be examined, a transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable), and a complete travel budget. Successful applicants will be asked to give a research presentation at one of the graduate student roundtables sponsored by the Center for Early Modern History in 2016-17.

Microfilm Grants
Due to the high charges set by archives for microfilming or copying materials, the Center for Early Modern History has allocated limited funds to award up to $500 per person to graduate students who will travel to archives between May 15, 2016 and May 15, 2017 and need to microfilm or copy materials for their dissertations. Grants are meant to defray the cost of microfilming or copying materials necessary only for one’s dissertation.

Interested students are asked to submit their applications via email to the Center for Early Modern History (cemh@umn.edu) by April 15, 2016. The application should consist of a short (one to two paragraphs) letter that includes a request for funds, identification of the specific research collections to be microfilmed or copied, and a statement of how the materials relate to their dissertation topic.

Eligibility for both research and microfilm grants is limited to University of Minnesota graduate students in the Department of History who have a major field in early modern/premodern history in the broad or global sense or to University of Minnesota graduate students who have officially declared a minor in either Early Modern Studies or Medieval Studies. First-time applicants will be given first consideration; previous grant holders may apply for a second grant, but awards will be subject to availability of funds and given at the discretion of the Center.

Funding is from the Union Pacific endowment that supports the Center’s program of visiting professorships. Successful applicants will have the grant deposited in their UofM student accounts.