

The Céline Dauverd Endowed Travel Grant

DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

The Céline Dauverd Endowed Travel Grant supports students who have advanced to candidacy for the doctoral degree and whose dissertation topic requires travel for research in archives, libraries and collections held in the Mediterranean region. The grant supports graduate students who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program in a recognized discipline of the Humanities. The annual grant awards up to \$2500 to students of any nationality who are members of the Mediterranean Studies Association and who are currently enrolled in an institution of higher education. The MSA Grants Committee will determine the amount of the award based on the cost of travel from the student's home institution to the location of the records to be consulted.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

Proposals for the award will be evaluated on the merits of the research topic. The student's academic record and the recommendation of the dissertation director will be considered as part of the student's eligibility for the award.

DEADLINE FOR THE AWARD

Applications for the 2026 award are due on February 1, 2026. Recipients of the award will be announced at the Annual Mediterranean Studies Association congress in May 2026.

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications should provide a clear description of the project:

1. A narrative of the proposed project and why travel to the libraries, archives, or collections specified is needed.
2. Details on the libraries, archives or collections to be consulted.

3. The project's objectives and anticipated impact on the study of the Mediterranean region.
4. Letter from dissertation director.
5. Letter granting permission to use research facilities to be consulted.
6. Timetable for travel research.
7. The expected date of completion of the dissertation.

Applications are submitted to the MSA Grant Committee. The application form and instructions for submitting applications are accessible through the MSA Website www.mediterraneanstudies.org. Applicants may request a proposal review by the Grant Committee before submitting their final application.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT

Applicants must be a member of the MSA in order to receive the award.

The applicant is a student who has advanced to candidacy for a doctoral degree.

The applicant is pursuing a degree in a discipline of the Humanities.

The applicant is affiliated with an institution of post-secondary education.

At the conclusion of the grant period, applicants submit a final report on the project.

The applicant shall acknowledge the receipt of MSA grant when publishing his/her dissertation.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grant money may be used for:

1. lodging and meals (excludes alcohol) expenses.
2. airfare expenses.
3. local transportation (train, buses, Metro, ferries, etc.).

4. photocopies or scanning of documents.

Grant money may not be used for:

1. electronic devices, computer hardware, or other office equipment.
2. expenses already covered by some other financial resource.
3. salaries.
4. communication devices such as sim cards, phones, memberships.
5. per diem.
6. rental cars.