



Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program • Summer 2009

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History invites college sophomores and juniors with a serious interest in American history, and academic excellence in the field, to apply for:

- **15 Gilder Lehrman History Scholarships** to a five-week research program in New York City from June 28 to August 1, 2009; each student is awarded a fellowship worth \$10,000 that includes tuition, books, field trips, a travel allowance of \$600 for transportation to and from New York City, room and board, and a \$2,200 stipend.
- Up to 50 places for **One-Week Scholars (Finalists)**, who will be invited to a one-week program in New York City from June 13 to June 20, 2009; each student is awarded a fellowship worth \$1,500 that includes tuition, field trips, a \$600 travel allowance, and room and board.

Gilder Lehrman History Scholars will: Conduct primary-source research to prepare historical materials for publication and create brief historical documentaries. Each year's project is designed by the program leaders to focus on a strength of the Gilder Lehrman Collection—the Founding Era, slavery and abolition, or the Civil War.

Participate in exclusive seminars with eminent historians to discuss historical issues and gain insight into history as a profession. Past sessions have been led by David Blight, Eric Foner, Carol Berkin, James M. McPherson, James O. Horton, and Christine Stansell, among others.

Enjoy behind-the-scenes visits to archives of rare historical documents, books, and material culture, including the New-York Historical Society, the New York Public Library, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Gilder Lehrman One-Week Scholars will: Participate in a weeklong program that fosters an interest in American history through field trips, discussions with professionals about careers for history majors, and lectures by leading scholars such as David Brion Davis, Christopher Leslie Brown, and Pauline Maier.

Eligibility: At the time of application (March 2009); students must be considered sophomores or juniors in an accredited college or university (students must have completed at least one full year of undergraduate

work before applying and should expect to return to school for a full year of undergraduate study after the program); should have completed at least one course in American history; and should expect to major or specialize in American history or American Studies. Applications from international students and minority candidates are strongly encouraged.

Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 3, 2009**, and include:

- Registration of your application online at www.gilderlehrman.org/teachers/student3.html. (Applicants without access to the Internet may skip this step.)
- A signed cover letter (1-2 pages) describing your interest in and preparation for this program, along with contact information and the names of your two recommenders.
- An *official* college transcript and a resume or CV.
- A sample of your historical writing. (This should be no more than 5 double-spaced pages and can be drawn from class assignments or independent work.)
- Two letters of recommendation by faculty members, at least one of whom has been your instructor in an American history or American Studies course.

Send application materials to:

Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program
The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
601 West 110th Street, Suite 4M
New York, NY 10025

Faxed or e-mailed materials will not be accepted. All applications will be automatically considered for both the five-week and one-week programs. No separate application is necessary.

Notifications will be mailed to all candidates by **April 2, 2009**. For more information about applications, e-mail scholars@gilderlehrman.org or phone Justine Ahlstrom at 212-316-5280. For more information about the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and to see a list of previous scholars and their projects, visit:

www.gilderlehrman.org

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