



# Black Feminism Initiative Graduate Fellowships

The UCLA Center for the Study of Women's **Black Feminism Initiative (BFI)** has established two fellowships to support intellectual work that centers Black feminist frameworks of analysis. In the tradition of abolitionist feminist activism and labor, the BFI Graduate Fellowships seek to advance Black feminist work on any topic with a focus on scholarship that interrogates historical and ongoing regimes of violence, enclosure, and captivity and offers original insights for conceiving of freedom, redress, abolition, and refusal.

The **Alisa Bierria Graduate Fellowship in Black Feminist Research** honors and continues the work of Alisa Bierria. With organizations such as Communities Against Rape and Abuse (CARA), The Free Marissa Now Mobilization Campaign, and Incite! Women of Color Against Violence, Bierria has meaningfully challenged sexual violence and the carceral state. Her activism has been instrumental in securing the freedom of criminalized survivors of gender violence.

The **Mariame Kaba Graduate Fellowship in Black Feminist Research** honors and continues the work of Mariame Kaba. She has been at the helm of numerous grassroots organizations that have educated the public, mobilized against racial terror, and challenged gender violence: Project Nia, the Chicago Freedom School, the Chicago Alliance to Free Marissa Alexander, Incite! Women of Color Against Violence, and We Charge Genocide, to name a few.

## Amount

Both fellowships offer \$1000 each

## Deadline

Monday, November 16, 2020

## Criteria

- Applicant must be a currently registered PhD or Master's student at UCLA during the quarters when the application is due and when award payment is made
- Fellowship can be used for research travel, conference presentations, or the acquisition of materials critical for an advanced research project such as a thesis or dissertation
- Scholarly research that includes an artistic or organizing dimension is also encouraged
- Awardee will be honored at the CSW Awards Celebration at UCLA in May/June 2021. Attendance is highly encouraged.

## To Apply

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. List of three references that includes names, affiliations, and email addresses
3. A 3-4 page (single-spaced) statement that includes:
  - a description of your academic background (coursework, degree focus, past creative, activist, or research projects)
  - a description of your research project that explains the work's methods, arguments and/or guiding questions, and conveys how the project engages with and advances Black feminist thought/politics
  - a bibliography of 5-10 key texts that shape the project
  - a brief, one paragraph budget that itemizes anticipated project expenditures

For more information and to apply, visit:  
[csw.ucla.edu/BFI-fellowships](https://csw.ucla.edu/BFI-fellowships)