



the MEDICI
ARCHIVE
PROJECT

SAMUEL H. KRESS GRADUATE ART HISTORY FELLOWSHIPS
AT THE MEDICI ARCHIVE PROJECT IN FLORENCE, ITALY

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The Medici Archive Project (MAP), based at the Archivio di Stato in Florence, Italy, is delighted to announce an award from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation to support four graduate students in the field of art history over the next two years.

Since its foundation in 1993, the Medici Archive Project has grown from a digital humanities foundation into a research institution, all the while remaining a strong advocate of giving scholars direct access to original documents. Through the BIA platform (bia.medici.org), MAP has brought the contents of one of Europe's most important early modern archival collections, the epistolary archive of the Grand Ducal Medici, to a global audience of students and scholars. Comprising some three million letters, the collection provides an unparalleled insight into the entire early modern world, from the early sixteenth through to the mid eighteenth century. Based upon this wealth of material, much of it unexplored, MAP has developed both an international fellowship of scholars and several research programs (more details can be found at our website: www.medici.org).

Thanks to the continued generous support of Samuel H. Kress Foundation, MAP is offering fellowships for graduate students to join MAP in Florence to undertake specialized archival research on-site at the Archivio di Stato, utilizing the Mediceo del Principato archival collection, as well as other collections housed in Florence and across Italy. The Samuel H. Kress Graduate Art History Fellowships will provide graduate students with the opportunity to examine and study original source materials and to receive scholarly guidance from MAP Staff.

The Fellowships

There are two Samuel H. Kress Graduate Art History Fellowships available for 2016:

- A Spring/Summer Fellowship, covering a period of no less than three months, with a stipend of \$8,000. The fellowship must take place within the period extending April 1st to July 31st 2016.
- A Fall/Winter Fellowship, covering a period of no less than three months, with a stipend of \$8,000. This fellowship must take place within the period September 1st to December 31st, 2016.

Eligibility

Candidates must either have American citizenship or be enrolled in graduate programs at universities in the United States. Dissertation topics that treat any aspect of Italian Renaissance or Baroque art history and research related to Medici family collections and patronage, will be given preference.

Details

If feasible, Kress Fellows will be able to enroll, free of charge, on our on-line paleography course before arriving in Florence. Further training in reading documents and using archival sources will be available through our archival studies seminar held at Santa Maria Novella in May/July of 2017, as well as through daily contact with MAP Staff during the course of the Fellows' tenure. Fellows will be also encouraged to participate in a variety of MAP initiatives, including our upcoming conferences (including "Vasari at Santa Croce", 4 March 2016 and "Against the Medici: Art and Dissent in Renaissance Italy", 26 & 27 May 2016) and publications (our series, *Medici Studies*, with Brepols/Harvey Miller).

To Apply

There is no application form for this fellowship. Instead, suitable candidates are invited to send via email to gallacher@medici.org, the following documents in a collated PDF by **15 February 2016**:

- 1) A cover letter, stating which fellowship is sought, either "Spring/Summer" OR "Fall/Winter" and the proposed dates which the fellow will be in residence.
- 2) A copy of the candidate's finalized dissertation proposal, or should the proposal still be a work-in-progress, the date of the proposal defense.
- 3) A short essay (no more than two pages) on how the candidate's topic will benefit from archival research.
- 4) An up-to-date curriculum vitae.
- 5) The name and email address of a scholar in the field, preferably the candidate's supervisor, who can comment on the applicant's qualifications and the merits of the research proposal (please do not include letters of recommendation with the application).

Please do not include supplementary material (publications, papers, syllabi, etc.) not asked for above.

All materials must be submitted in English.

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