

Berkeley History PhD Pipeline Program

A PhD in History can enrich your understanding of our complex and changing world. It can also provide a gateway into a variety of careers, in and outside of the academy.

What is the Pipeline Program?

This is a fellows program designed for members of historically excluded and under-represented communities that aims to empower a new generation of historians and scholars.

Through weekly spring workshops and a summer mentorship, the Program aims to provide students with the skills, preparation, and support they need to both pursue and succeed in a PhD program in History.

The Program is open to juniors, seniors, recent college graduates, and current MA students who are considering applying to a PhD program in History.

The 2024 Program will take place entirely online and is open to all applicants residing in the United States, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

How is the Program structured?

Part I of the Program consists of a series of seminars, directed by Profs. Peter Zinoman, Waldo Martin, Rebecca Herman, and Rebekah Ramsay, and featuring Berkeley historians, staff, graduate students, and alumni. The content of the weekly seminars will vary but will aim to cover three key areas:

- 1) demystifying both graduate school and the application process
- 2) exploring the work of a professional historian
- 3) providing strategies for success and wellness in academia and beyond

Part II of the Program pairs Fellows with individual Berkeley faculty and advanced graduate students to consider next steps. Fellows interested in applying to graduate school will receive help in choosing PhD programs, crafting application essays, selecting and polishing writing samples, identifying and contacting writers for letters of recommendation, and targeting programs with their specific research interests.

Ready to apply?

If you wish to join a small group of Fellows and the Berkeley History community, please complete our online application, designed to tell us about you and why you are interested in both the Pipeline Program and a doctorate in History.

Applications for the Spring 2024 cycle are due Friday, 16 February 2024. For more information, and to apply, visit history.berkeley.edu/pipeline



*“It’s high time
that the
professional
discipline of
History better
mirrors the
remarkable
diversity of our
subject matter.”*

Prof. Peter Zinoman
Former chair,
Berkeley History