

# Financial Aid Highlights

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## TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship - FAH (Vol. 7, No. 8)



Students are advised that the TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship was established to honor the pioneering work of the late Dr. Ruth Simms Hamilton, Michigan State University Professor and TIAA Trustee. Professor Hamilton was a TIAA Trustee from 1989 to 2003 and during her 35-year career at Michigan State University, she was a highly regarded sociology professor and a faculty member of the African Studies Center, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Center for the Advanced Study of International Development.

The fellowship, administered by the TIAA-CREF Institute, will be awarded for graduate-level research related to the study of the African Diaspora by graduate students enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university. The fellowship will be for one year and students may reapply for the fellowship each year that the program is offered. This fellowship is intended to provide research support.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

You may apply for the TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship if you are...

- A current graduate student in a program at an accredited U.S. college or university
- Maintaining a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher (out of 4.0)
- Engaged in research relating to the African Diaspora
- The author of an original, cutting-edge research paper on an aspect of the African Diaspora

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

From September 1, 2005 through October 15, 2005 you may apply online for the TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship by visiting: <http://www.tiaa-crefinstitute.org/>.

You will also be required to provide three (3) copies of the following:

- Your recent, original paper concerning an aspect of the African Diaspora. Submissions should be double-spaced, and between 20-30 pages long, including notes.
- A letter of intent explaining your reasons for studying the African Diaspora and stating how you would utilize this fellowship to further your research.
- Your undergraduate transcript.
- Your most recent curriculum vitae.
- Three (3) separate letters of recommendation (no more than 3 pages each) from faculty or academic deans at your institution.

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