



SAVAnT@CHASE Research Travel Awards

SAVAnT (School of American Visual Art and Text) is offering research travel grants to PhD students in the CHASE consortium for the academic year 2019/20, up to the value of £5000 for visits lasting up to three months. These are intended to fund research activities in archives, museums, libraries and galleries in the United States related to a PhD project.

What is SAVAnT?

Founded in 2016, SAVAnT is a 'virtual' doctoral school with associated faculty across the CHASE consortium (and beyond), dedicated to exploring American visual material across academic disciplines. We positively encourage thinking that incorporates insights and methodologies from different disciplines, including Art History, American Studies, History, English, Film and Cultural Studies, amongst others.

Our grants reflect this interdisciplinary approach and are intended to broaden the conversation around visual material and to encourage scholars from different academic backgrounds to share and expand their understanding of American visual work. We especially seek applications that wish to challenge disciplinary orthodoxies.

More information about SAVAnT can be found on our website: <http://savantatchase.co.uk/>

Eligibility and Conditions

All applicants are required to:

- be a current doctoral candidate at a CHASE Institution (or have an institutional place offered). A stipend from CHASE is not required to be eligible for the SAVAnT bursary – you need only to be enrolled at a CHASE institution. You may submit your application for these awards before you have a place offered at a CHASE institution but this would need to be confirmed in order for your application will be considered.
- be researching a topic that includes sustained and substantial analysis of visual material from North America, broadly defined, including works of art; visual, material and print culture; fashion; architecture; design; as well as film.

Application Process

Please submit an academic CV, a 500 word description of the (proposed) PhD project and 500 words on which materials you wish to consult in the US and how it would benefit your PhD project. Please also provide an itinerary and preliminary costings of your visit.

Successful applicants will:

- 1) identify an archive/collection(s) pertinent to their (projected) doctoral work;
- 2) provide a manageable research plan for the trip;
- 3) clearly demonstrate the relevance of archival/gallery material to their doctoral project - they will also indicate how such material might be used in the thesis;
- 4) present a paper based on their research findings at the next SAVAnT symposium/conference.

Interdisciplinary approaches to research will be viewed favourably.

Applications will be assessed by SAVAnT associated faculty. Deadline for submission is 1st February 2019. We plan to notify students of the outcome in early May 2019. The awards would need to be taken up in the academic year 2019-20.

Please email to SAVAnT@sussex.ac.uk