Admissions Process for Ph.D. Program

UTEP's history Ph.D. program capitalizes on the location of our campus and the strengths of our faculty by focusing on the study of the U.S.-Mexico border region. All of our doctoral students receive a Ph.D. in History. Everyone takes a field in Borderlands History. They also choose two other fields from among Latin American History, U.S. History, World History, or an interdisciplinary field of their own design. This program makes our students key contributors to the body of knowledge about the rich history of the borderlands. It also trains them broadly, so they are competitive for positions both within and outside of academia. We have a great track record, graduating students and placing them in tenure track positions at colleges in, for example, Texas, Florida, California, North and South Carolina, and Mexico.

Applications are invited from highly qualified students with a BA or MA in History, or the equivalent in another discipline. Applicants must provide the following information: Letter of Intent (must include intellectual interests, rationale for applying to the Ph.D. Program, and additional relevant information); a Curriculum Vitae (CV), three letters of recommendation (from individuals familiar with your academic potential), a writing sample (15-30pps); and transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work. ALL applicants must also take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and arrange to have the results sent to the Graduate School. International students must take the GRE and TOEFL and have scores sent to the Graduate School. All application materials will be processed through the Graduate School online application system. You may begin the application process by clicking on this link to the Graduate School webpage, and click on the button to the left that says, "Apply Now." This will allow you to create an electronic profile for your application to the Graduate School and the Department of History.

If you have questions about the online application process, or about materials sent to the Graduate School, please contact Linda Carillo, Coordinator of Graduate Enrollment, at 915-747-7899 (l romero9@utep.edu). If you need to send hard copies of any materials to the Graduate School, please use this mailing address:

Graduate School  
Academic Services Building Room 223  
500 W University Ave  
El Paso, TX 79968

Fellowships and assistantships offered by the Department of History are highly competitive and support will be offered to all students accepted into the program, guaranteed for four years. In addition, we offer a special assistantship working for the H-Borderlands website and listserve; and we annually offer the Frances G. Harper History Dissertation Research Award to four students as they conduct research on their dissertations.

Review of applications begins January 15, and notification of admission will take place by the end of March.

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