

Bard

Summer Access Awards in Classical Studies 2024–25

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the Classical Studies program is pleased to offer need-based awards to assist Classics students in pursuing summer opportunities related to their studies. The aim of these awards is to make access to summer activities in Classics more equitable. Students may apply for the **Summer Language Study in Greek and Latin Award**, or the **Classical Studies Research Award** (details below). Successful awardees will be asked to submit a 1-page report of their summer studies to Lauren Curtis, (lcurtis@bard.edu) upon their return.

Please note: In order to maximize their chances, applicants should also apply to external fellowships and awards for which they are eligible, as well as financial aid from the summer programs themselves.

Eligibility

Moderated Classics majors, and students who are soon to moderate into Classics, are encouraged to apply.

Deadline

Monday, March 10, 2025

To Apply

Please email applications to Prof. Lauren Curtis, (lcurtis@bard.edu) by the deadline.

All applications should include a 1-2 page statement of purpose and an estimated need-based budget. The statement of purpose should describe your proposed project, explain how prepared you are to undertake it, and outline how it will further your educational goals. Your budget should be as detailed as possible; please also include a list of the other programs and sources of funding for which you have applied, and when you expect to hear back from them.

Awards

1. Summer language study in Greek and Latin

1-2 awards annually to enable students to take summer language courses in Greek and Latin. The list of approved language programs can be found here (<https://classicalstudies.bard.edu/opportunities/>). The award will normally cover 80% of tuition and housing (if needed), but may cover up to 100% for students on full financial aid. Students with no previous experience of Latin and Greek may apply; however, since these programs involve intensive language work, students at the beginners' level should usually have some experience studying another language, either at Bard or elsewhere. Students who receive the award are expected to continue their study of the language at Bard after completing the summer program; in their statement of purpose, applicants should indicate which level language course they hope to enter in the Fall.

2. Classical Studies research award

1-2 awards annually to enable students to undertake summer research in Classical Studies. For example, awards may help support visits to US-based museums, libraries, and archives, travel to Greek and Roman sites, or help meet costs associated with attending an archaeological field school or completing an unpaid internship. We especially encourage applications from rising seniors whose summer research will help prepare for their senior project. The maximum award will usually be \$2,500. Proposals may be partially funded. Smaller proposals are also welcome.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How many awards are given each year?

The total number of awards will vary depending on the number of applications and the funds available each year.

Who is eligible to apply?

All moderated Classics majors and students who are soon to moderate into Classics are encouraged to apply.

May I apply to both awards?

Yes. You may apply to both awards, but can receive only one. Please indicate when you submit your application which one is your top preference.

When will I find out whether my application has been successful?

You should expect to hear by Spring Break whether your application has been successful.

What do I need to do when I come back?

Awardees should submit a 1-page report to Lauren Curtis, (lcurtis@bard.edu) at the beginning of the fall semester, detailing how the experience helped their studies. The report will be shared with donors, the Dean's office, and the College's public relations team.

I have already received an award. Can I apply again?

Yes. You may apply for a different project, but priority will be given to students who have not received an award before.

I have a question that isn't answered here. Who should I ask?

Feel free to email Prof. Lauren Curtis, (lcurtis@bard.edu) with any additional questions.