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Columbia University Library Research Award

Report

Thanks to the Research Award of the Columbia University Library, my research in the Columbia collections has been truly thriving. As a result, I intend to publish one international history article in a leading, peer-reviewed journal. The award also enabled me to develop two upcoming book projects for approximately the next five years. Nothing could better illustrate the enormous value of Columbia's holdings which are, in my personal view, much more valuable than commonly known.

I strongly believe that Columbia University's Research Award could become a highly attractive model for other U.S. universities. In five years of graduate school, I have noticed how appallingly thin graduate student knowledge spreads across archival resources at the East Coast. If Columbia could become the leader of better information exchange among libraries and archives between Boston and Washington and an inspiration for other collections to follow suit with financial support, this initiative would further add to the already tremendous benefits of the current award program.

I would like to close with a final thanks and the wish that this award program be continued for future graduate students. Although I am aware of studying at one of the most resourceful universities at the U.S. East Coast, the Columbia University Library Research Award has been pivotal in my research. Thank you.