

*BCLA Announcement*

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: \$5,000 Summer Research Fellowships**

**The Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts and the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles announce Faculty Research Fellowships for Summer 2025.**

Faculty conducting research on Los Angeles and who will incorporate data from StudyLA's numerous surveys on quality of life, race relations, civic engagement, institutions, politics, economics, and various other subject areas or themes are invited to apply for research fellowships for Summer 2025. **Deadline for proposals is Friday, March 7, 2025.** Award notifications will be communicated no later than 14 days after the deadline.

**Examples of StudyLA's data resources include:**

- Angeleno Poll (formerly called the Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey) (2014-Present): An annual civic, social, and economic study of residents gauging their outlook for the year, and, notably, the region's largest general social survey. Responses from a total of 30,000+ Los Angeles County residents.
- Police and Community Relations Survey (2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024): A standalone survey of adult residents in the city of Los Angeles to gauge attitudes and opinions of policing and community relations. Questions speak to residents' opinions on police, community relations, public safety, crime, transparency, quality-of-life concerns, civic issues, and current trends.
- LA Votes Exit Poll Project (2003-Present): A series of exit polls and polling place studies in Los Angeles, known for the use of a breakthrough sampling methodology, the racially stratified precinct approach, as well as being the largest per-capita exit poll nationwide. Responses from 20,000+ Angeleno voters.
- LA Riots Anniversary Studies (1997-Present): A quinquennial series of resident surveys measuring ethnic relations in post-riot LA. Responses from a total of 8,800 city of Los Angeles residents.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Any tenure-track faculty member in BCLA may apply.
- Applicants may apply individually or as a pair (co-researcher's may be from LMU schools/colleges other than BCLA, but some support from the other Dean will be expected).
- Up to two research projects will receive funding for summer 2025.
- Submit Brief Project Description/Rationale and Cover/Signature Sheet. Projects must utilize new, recent, and/or archived data from StudyLA surveys and databases.
- First preference will be given to projects that incorporate BCLA undergraduate student research collaborators who are funded on Rains or SURP, and to projects that include

graduate students currently enrolled in a BCLA Master's program doing credit-bearing supervised experience or thesis/capstone project.

- Faculty members who have received other funding from BCLA for summer 2025 will be considered only after those applicants without such funding for this year.

### **Expectations:**

- Fellowship recipients are expected to provide a brief project update by September 30, 2025, and to present their findings (or research-in-progress) at an on-campus or virtual event in spring 2026.
- Fellowship recipients are expected to prepare and submit (preferably by December 2025) manuscripts for publication and/or papers/posters for presentation at scholarly meetings.
- Fellowship recipients also are encouraged to write up findings for local/regional dissemination through radio/TV/print outlets.
- Final project report and list of outcomes will be due one year following the date of the award.

### **Supports for Summer Research**

- During the summer of the fellowship, StudyLA affiliated faculty and researchers are available for discussions regarding study design, survey administration, data analysis, etc.
- **In order to determine whether a project is viable, StudyLA affiliated faculty and senior researchers are available for consultation in advance of a fellowship application. This consultation is strongly encouraged.**
- Fellowships are \$5,000 per faculty member (for a pair submission, each faculty member receives \$5,000). Stipends must be paid as salary (i.e., not in research accounts). \$3,500 will be distributed in the final paycheck of May 2025, with the remaining \$1,500 distributed after the project update in September 2025.
- Funding for undergraduate student research assistants is available through Rains and SURP, which also affords student access to summer housing (when available).
- StudyLA will fund one faculty member's travel (per project) for presentation of the project at a scholarly meeting during the proceeding academic year.
- Student conference travel grants are available through BCLA so that student co-researchers can share in presenting the research.

For questions about the available data, and to discuss the compatibility of your research agenda with the available data and other StudyLA resources and supports, please contact Brianne Gilbert, Managing Director of the Center for the Study of Los Angeles and Sr. Lecturer in the Departments of Urban and Environmental Studies and Political Science and International Relations, by email at [brianne.gilbert@lmu.edu](mailto:brianne.gilbert@lmu.edu).