Reimagining New England Histories Undergraduate Summer Institute, Summer 2022

The Reimagining New England Histories Undergraduate Summer Institute is a two-week enrichment program for current undergraduates at Williams College, Brown University, and current undergraduate alumni of the Williams-Mystic Program. Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to apply.

During the two-week institute, students will work collaboratively as they engage in a series of talks and roundtables, museum and community center visits, strategy sessions on the meanings and purpose of “Just Futures.” The institute will focus on resistance, healing, and community building as well as sovereignty, freedom and spirituality. Specific topics will include: communities’ longstanding relationships with land and water, resistance to human trafficking and enslavement, Native American, African, Afro-Indigenous, and African American communities, social justice & resistance, historical and intergenerational trauma & healing, contemporary issues of justice and equity, water and land protections, community development, solidarities, and autonomy.

This program is organized by the Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice at Brown University, Williams College, the Williams-Mystic Program, and the Mystic Seaport Museum. This program is offered free of cost. Housing, meals, excursions, and travel to and from Brown University will be covered.

The Reimagining New England Histories Undergraduate Summer Institute will be held on Brown’s campus June 12 - 24, 2022.

We encourage applications from undergraduate students from Brown, Williams or Williams-Mystic who hold one or more of the following identities: First generation college student; African, African American, Native American, Afro-Indigenous; Non-US citizen of African descent

To apply we ask students to fill out the online form below. Answers to the brief questions on the form may be completed via short written responses, video, or other creative form.

Applications are to be completed no later than February 24, 2022. Selected students will receive an email of their acceptance no later than April 4, 2022.

Please email cssj_youthprograms@brown.edu with any questions.

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1. Email *
General Information

2. First Name *

3. Middle Name (Not Required)

4. Last Name *

5. Email Address *

6. Mobile Phone *

7. Birthdate *

   Example: January 7, 2019

8. Expected Graduation Year *

   Mark only one oval.

   ○ 2023
   ○ 2024
   ○ 2025
9. University Affiliation *


10. Mailing Street


11. Mailing City


12. Mailing State/Province


13. Mailing Zip/Postal Code


Parent/Guardian Information

14. First Name


15. Last Name


16. Phone Number
Please respond with 2-4 sentences. Answers to these questions can be completed using a creative format such as a video, a poem, etc. Written responses should be submitted below. For non-written responses, please upload your work here [https://www.dropbox.com/request/6xoDMNg4OYJnRkdnViZM]. Any documents must be labeled with your first and last name. If you have difficulty uploading, please email: cssj_youthprograms@brown.edu

22. Why are you interested in attending this summer institute?
23. How do you see the needs of your Black/Indigenous/Afro-Indigenous communities? How might your current contributions and future work address the needs of those communities? *

24. How will your participation in the institute help to enrich the experiences of others in the program?

25. If you would like to answer by video or other form, please upload the files here: https://www.dropbox.com/request/6xoDMNg4OYJnRkdnViZM

Check all that apply.

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☐ I am not including any additional files, and I have included my written responses above.
26. “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. What does the first sentence of this quote mean to you? What is necessary for a just future?

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27. “The truth would make one weep . . . So the Lie continues from one generation to the next . . . They would rather live the Lie than face the great injustice.” -Dawn Dove (Narragansett/Niantic). In your opinion, why is it important to seek to tell the truth about the past?

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28. If you would like to answer by video or other form, please upload the files here: https://www.dropbox.com/request/6xoDMNg4OYJnRkdnViZM

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29. Is there anything else you would like us to know?


30. One (1) letter of recommendation from either a community member, faculty member, administrator, supervisor, or a non-relative mentor. Recommendations must be uploaded here: https://www.dropbox.com/request/dvHHvGr7h6o7hx3jkxo0. Please include the name of the recommender and email address below. *