



RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE
FOR ADVANCED STUDY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Research Fellow, Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery

This is a full time, term-limited position with full Harvard benefits. It is funded through December 31, 2021 with the possibility of renewal based upon funding availability.



ROYALL HOUSE / In the 18th century, the Royall House was home to the largest slaveholding family in Massachusetts. It was a bequest from Isaac Royall Jr. that funded the establishment of Harvard Law School in 1817. In 2016, the Harvard Corporation approved the removal of the Law School's shield, which was derived directly from the Royall coat of arms. Harvard Fine Arts Library Special Collections.

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is seeking applications from highly qualified, diverse candidates for our **Research Fellow, Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery**, position. The Research Fellow will support the work of the [Presidential Initiative on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery](#). The initiative, announced by Harvard President Larry Bacow in November of 2019 and anchored at the [Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study](#), is an effort to understand and address the enduring legacy of slavery within our University community. It is guided by a [Presidential Committee](#), chaired by Radcliffe [Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin](#).

About the Position:

Responsibilities will include:

- conducting extensive, original archival research on topics defined at a high level by the initiative's Presidential Committee, chaired by Radcliffe Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin;
- writing compelling and meticulously sourced written summaries of research undertaken;
- guiding the work of a team of graduate and undergraduate student researchers, including compiling, and editing students' written work while providing guidance, mentorship, and quality control; and
- drafting assigned portions of the formal report by the Presidential Committee on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery at the direction of the Chair and Project Manager; and
- other duties related to Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery research and programming as assigned.

The successful candidate will possess:

- a relevant doctoral degree;
- subject matter expertise in American history through the lens of race, with an emphasis on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries;
- experience performing archival research;
- experience supervising student research. (Relevant teaching experience will be considered.)

Scholars who focus on the Early Republic period in U. S. history are encouraged to apply.

About the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study:

The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is dedicated to creating and sharing transformative ideas across the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. The [Fellowship Program](#) annually supports the work of 50 leading artists and scholars. [Academic Ventures](#) fosters collaborative research projects and sponsors lectures and conferences that engage scholars with the public. The [Schlesinger Library](#) documents the lives of American women of the past and present for the future, furthering the Institute's commitment to women, gender, and society. Our recently completed strategic plan [Radcliffe Engaged, 2019-2024](#), articulates our goals for the next five years.

How to apply:

Interested applicants must apply for the [Research Fellow, Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery](#) position through [HARVARD CAREERS](#), Harvard University's online employment application system. Please combine your cover letter and resume/CV into a single document when you are instructed to "Upload my resume/CV from my computer." Cover letters are required for every application for a position at the Radcliffe Institute. The Radcliffe Institute is not able to provide visa sponsorship for this position.

Do to the COVID-19 crisis the interview process will occur virtually using Zoom. After hire, the position will have virtual on-boarding and work will be conducted remotely until we return to our Cambridge, Massachusetts campus. The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study does not provide visa sponsorship.