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Who we are

Established in 1957, the Center for European and Russian Studies (CERS) has a long record of excellence in advancing innovative teaching, research, and public education that enhance knowledge of the languages, cultures, and societies of modern and contemporary Europe and Russia.

Drawing on the widely renowned expertise of our affiliated faculty and visiting scholars, CERS programs support the development of new generations of experts, foster international scholarly exchange and collaboration, and generate new insights into the complex issues that confront Europe and Russia and, in turn, impact transatlantic and global relationships.

What we do

CERS supports faculty and student research, facilitates international scholarly exchanges and the development of new courses, and offers a rich program of academic and cultural events.

We promote rigorous research on Europe and Russia by offering competitive grants and fellowships for our faculty and graduate students. Faculty support includes grants for conferences, workshops, lecture series, and short-term visits by international scholars, while student support includes summer dissertation research fellowships.

We support the professional development of our affiliated graduate students by offering competitive language study fellowships and conference travel grants, and by organizing graduate student training conferences and workshops.

We seek to enrich UCLA’s curriculum and provide students with an in-depth and well-rounded framework for understanding Europe and Russia by supporting the development of new courses taught by our affiliated faculty, advanced graduate students, and visiting professors.

We organize lectures and book talks, symposia, conferences, film screenings and discussions, concerts and other cultural events that increase understanding and appreciation of European and Russian societies and cultures among broad sections of the Los Angeles general public.

Investment Opportunities

To sustain and expand our academic and public education efforts we depend on the generosity of individuals and organizations. There are many opportunities for you to support the Center’s work, and we welcome contributions of any size.

Options for support include gifts, pledges payable over time, and permanent endowments. All gifts are tax-deductible and may provide general center support or be directed to specific programs or activities as detailed below - asterisks (*) mark our most urgent priorities.
**CENTER SUPPORT**

**Center naming**
A named endowment will provide critical discretionary funding that will significantly increase our Center’s ability to further its mission, enabling it to expand and diversify its academic and public education programs on Europe and Russia.

To name the Center by establishing a permanent endowment: $5,000,000+

**FACULTY SUPPORT**

**Faculty research grants**
Providing funding for faculty research is an important way for the Center to encourage the production of new knowledge about Europe and Russia. These grants are especially vital in promoting research and teaching collaborations with European and Russian counterparts, helping to broaden and deepen ties among faculty across disciplines.

To provide a single grant in support of a specific research project: $7,500
To establish a named endowment for faculty research: $150,000+

**Visiting professors**
Visiting professors are essential to our Center’s teaching mission, allowing us to expand the number and breadth of approaches of courses on Europe and Russia. Funds will support the visiting faculty’s teaching of undergraduate or graduate courses and presentation of public lectures.

To support a visiting professor at UCLA for one quarter: $15,000 - $30,000
To establish a named endowment for visiting professors: $300,000 - $600,000

**Post-doctoral scholars**
Scholars who have recently completed a Ph.D. seek post-doctoral fellowships at leading institutions to further their research, collaborate with scholars in their respective fields, and gain additional teaching experience. A post-doctoral fellowship at CERS will attract outstanding recent graduates who will teach courses, participate in conferences and symposia, give public talks, and enhance the Center’s presence on campus.

To support one post-doctoral fellow at UCLA for one year: $50,000-$65,000
To establish a named endowment for post-doctoral fellowships: $1,000,000 - $1,300,000

**Endowed chair**
Endowed chairs help UCLA recruit and retain outstanding faculty members in specific fields to promote scholarship and teaching in particular disciplinary and geographical areas. Endowment income provides salary support and resources for the chair holder’s teaching, research, and other academic activities.

To establish a named endowment for a faculty chair in European Studies: $5,000,000+
GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

Annual fellowships

The recruitment and training of talented young scholars are central to our mission to promote education and produce new knowledge about Europe and Russia. They are the future scholars who will teach at universities around the world and provide critical information for policy makers in government and industry. Funding for graduate fellowships will enable UCLA to attract the most promising graduate students and allow them to dedicate their time and attention to their studies and research.

To support one PhD student for one year: $22,000 - $37,000
To establish a named endowment for graduate student fellowships: $350,000+

Dissertation research fellowships*

Support for graduate student research is essential to enhancing the quality of their work and their potential impact as the next generation of experts. Funding will provide summer fellowships for UCLA graduate students to conduct research abroad for dissertation projects that advance knowledge of European and Russian societies, histories, and cultures.

To provide funding for a single dissertation research fellowship: $7,500
To establish a named endowment for student research fellowships: $150,000+

Language study fellowships*

Language study is a crucial part of graduate students’ research preparation. Funding will provide fellowships for UCLA graduate students to complete intensive summer programs in Russian or a European language.

To provide funding for a single language study fellowship: $7,500
To establish a named endowment for language study fellowships: $150,000+

Conference travel grants

Opportunities for graduate students to present their research findings and network with the broader academic community are central to their academic training. Funding will provide travel grants for UCLA graduate students to present papers at important national and international conferences.

To provide funding for a single conference travel grant: $1,000
To establish a named endowment for student conference travel: $100,000+

Training Conferences

Training conferences bring together faculty and graduate students from American and European universities and provide unparalleled opportunities for students to present their work to a specialized international audience, receive comprehensive feedback and guidance from faculty, and become part of a transatlantic network of experts.

To provide funding for one international conference: $25,000
To establish a named endowment fund for training conferences: $500,000+
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

European Studies scholarships

Scholarship support will encourage UCLA students in various fields to concentrate a portion of their study on Europe and complete a European Studies major or minor.

To provide funding for a single European Studies scholarship: $2,000 - $5,000
To establish a named endowment fund for European Studies scholarships: $100,000+

PROGRAM SUPPORT

Lecture series*

One of the Center’s key activities is bringing scholars, policy makers, and journalists to UCLA to share their research, knowledge, and insights on Europe and Russia with the academic and broader Los Angeles communities. Funding will allow CERS to host additional speakers for lectures and seminars.

To provide funding for a lecture series for one academic year: $15,000
To establish a named endowment fund for a lecture series: $300,000+

Conferences

Major conferences bring together world-class international experts to share their views on important issues confronting Europe, Russia, and the world. These signature events promote interaction among scholars, foster research and collaboration, further knowledge through podcasts and publications, and raise the profile of European and Russian studies at UCLA.

To provide funding for one international conference: $40,000
To establish a named endowment fund for major conferences: $500,000+

Film series*

Film and lecture series, combining screenings of classic and contemporary documentary and feature films with lectures by prominent filmmakers and scholars, provide a popular way to inform diverse campus and community audiences about important aspects of European and Russian societies and cultures.

To provide funding for a film series for one academic year: $15,000
To establish a named endowment fund for a film series: $300,000+
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