NYPL Services for Graduate Students

The New York Public Library offers many resources and services complementing those offered at local institutions of higher education. For more information, see the full guide to services: libguides.nypl.org/GraduateStudents

Enhanced Borrowing for CUNY Graduate Center Students and Faculty
NYPL offers increased borrowing privileges for GC affiliates, allowing them to borrow select NYPL research materials usually reserved for on-site use. In order to take advantage of these additional privileges, no additional forms are required: interested GC students and faculty should register by bringing their GC ID card to one of the four NYPL research libraries: https://www.nypl.org/research. GC affiliates may also borrow materials from Princeton and Columbia's collections held at ReCAP, through the ReCAP Shared Collection.

ReCAP Shared Collection
The ReCAP Shared Collection provides access to millions of general collection materials owned by NYPL, Princeton University Libraries and Columbia University Libraries, most of which are eligible for loan through the Library's enhanced borrowing programs. Researchers may find these items in the Shared Collection Catalog and place a request for physical delivery, or for small portions of the work via electronic delivery: https://www.nypl.org/scc

Databases and E-Book Collections
NYPL subscribes to over 500 databases, many of which are accessible from home. Explore our research databases on the Electronic Resources Research Guide: https://libguides.nypl.org/eresources

Consultations with a Librarian, Archivist or Curator
Make an appointment with a librarian in the General Research Division, or if you know the collection of interest to you, you may make an appointment directly with the relevant Division. See contact information here: https://www.nypl.org/ask-nypl/on-site-research-consultations. You may also use the Appointment Request form here: https://www.nypl.org/ask-nypl/make-appointment-librarian

Classes and Workshops
NYPL librarians offer a wide variety of classes helping graduate students get the most out of the resources available to them through the Library. Check out all offerings on nypl.org/classes, and filter by Research Library location. Note that most graduate-level resource workshops are offered at the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.

Fellowships
Several fellowships are available for graduate students, including the Short-Term Research Fellowships, the Fordham-NYPL Research Fellowships in Jewish Studies, and the Schomburg Center Scholars-in-Residence Program. See a full list of opportunities here: https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/fellowships-institutes
Research Study Rooms
The New York Public Library offers study rooms for qualified researchers and writers whose work will benefit from intensive use of the collections of the Library and are available when the building is open to the public. Graduate students may apply for admission to the room below. For more information, see: https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/schwarzman/research-study-rooms

Wertheim Study
Second Floor, Room 228w
The Wertheim Study, established in 1963 by author and scholar Barbara Tuchman in honor of her father, Maurice Wertheim, publisher of The Nation and a founder of The Theatre Guild, serves individuals requiring extensive use of the Library’s materials (related to the humanities and social sciences) for the preparation of books, articles, dissertations, or other research projects. The initial assignment is not less than three or more than nine months.

Manhattan Research Library Initiative (MaRLI)

The New York Public Library (NYPL) and the libraries of Columbia University and New York University collaborate to provide access to and borrowing privileges from the collections of all three institutions. Doctoral students at the prospectus/dissertation writing stage and teaching faculty may be eligible for MaRLI as NYPL cardholders. Other NYPL cardholders who would benefit from borrowing privileges at the three institutions may be eligible as independent scholars.

Beginning October 1, 2019, MaRLI will now be one option that may be offered during an in-person consultation with a librarian at any NYPL Research Center. There is no longer an application form. Note that MaRLI access and borrowing privileges are available only after all other resources available to the borrower have been exhausted.

How do I inquire about MaRLI privileges?

1) Schedule a general research consultation with a librarian at NYPL Research Libraries: https://www.nypl.org/ask-nypl/make-appointment-librarian

2) During your consultation, a librarian will work with you to understand how NYPL’s collections can support your research and what other options, including but not limited to MaRLI, may be available to you.

3) If MaRLI is offered to support your research, you will receive additional information about activating your borrowing privileges at each institution. *Please note that only doctoral students at the prospectus development stage and beyond are eligible for MaRLI privileges via NYPL.

4) Members of the MaRLI program will receive renewal details in early September of each year, and will need to opt-in to continue their participation. Doctoral students will need to show a current student ID to renew.