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Name Williams, Eric (1911) Negro   
 White Southerner

Position Assistant Professor of Social Sciences  
 Howard University Special Field Economic History  
 Group

College St. Catherine's Society, Oxford University, B. A., 1935

University Oxford University, D. Phil., 1939

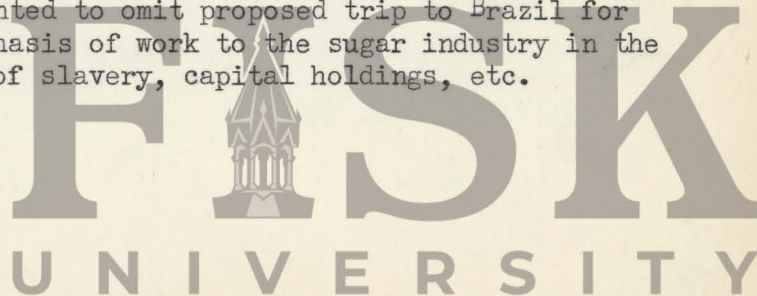
## Plan of Work:

The rise of capitalism in Europe and America and the institution of slavery. Libraries in the United States and field work in Cuba and Puerto Rico, the French Caribbean colonies, and the British West Indies.

11/12/40 Gathered sufficient material for study of slavery in Caribbean during 3 summer months of 1940. Permission granted to omit proposed trip to Brazil for further slavery study and to shift emphasis of work to the sugar industry in the Caribbean with its attendant problems of slavery, capital holdings, etc.

## Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,000



Held several fellowships.

Howard University, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, 1939-

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11/12/40 Spent summer months of June, July, August, 1940, in Caribbean Islands, mainly in Cuba, but also visited Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.

Change in grant involves providing seven months of typing service, and the months of June, July, August exclusively to writing and in preparation of manuscript on the sugar industry for publication. Enough material has been gathered for the slavery study, but organization of it may need to come later.

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Name Williams, Eric (1911) Negro  White Southerner

Position Assistant Professor of Social and Political Science, Howard University Special Field Group History

College St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, B. A., 1935

University Oxford University, D. Phil, 1939

## Plan of Work:

A general study on "The Caribbean and the Crisis of Democracy";  
a technical study on the Caribbean sugar industry.

## Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,800



"The Golden Age of the Slave System in Britain," Journal Negro History, Jan. 1940.

"The Impact of the International Crisis on the Negro in the Caribbean,"  
Journal of Negro Education, July, 1941.

The Negro in the Caribbean, Associates in Negro Folk Education, Washington, D. C., 1942

Capitalism and Slavery, University of North Carolina Press, 1944.

Associate Editor of Encyclopaedia on Latin America.

Articles on Caribbean in Crolier's Encyclopaedia, Political Science Quarterly, Mar. '43;  
Survey Graphic, Nov. 1942-Special Number; Timehri (British Guiana) Revista Bi-  
mestre Cubana and Foreign Affairs



ERIC WILLIAMS

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences  
Howard University

History

Born in Trinidad and educated at  
Oxford. But he is now teaching at  
Howard so I guess he comes under  
our terms.

Absolutely top man  
References are catopical  
I don't see how we have help  
spring from an award

He asks for \$2,355. Since he has no  
children to support I should think  
\$1,800 is enough -

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ERIC WILLIAMS

(30)

Assistant Professor of Social and Political Science  
Howard University, Washington

History

One of our top fellows (1940)  
Everyone including Bourne  
feels him tops  
(Bourne however felt Christian  
among the historians even above  
Williams)

Name Eric Williams Field: History  
Assistant Professor of Social Sciences  
Howard University, Washington, D. C. *ok*

*151 A Street N.W.*

Plan of Work  
The Rise of Capitalism in Europe and America and the Institution of Slavery.

Seeks no degree. Probable duration of study nine months, beginning July, 1940. Will return to present position. *Will travel, U.S.*

*Fellowship to be taken in 2 pieces 4 mos in 1940, 5 in 1941, summers included.*  
*D.A. + islands.*  
*changed as of Nov., 1940*

Personal Data Born Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I., October, 1911. Age: 28  
Married.

Undergraduate Work St. Catherine's Society, Oxford University, B. A., 1935.

Graduate Work Oxford University, Ph.D., 1939.

Experience Assistant professor, Howard University, 1939 - , \$2500.

Accomplishments Doctor's thesis: The Economic Aspect of the Abolition of West Indian Slave Trade and Slavery.

Publications: "The Golden Age of the Slave System in Britain," awarded first annual history prize by Journal of Negro History.

Held six scholarships, totaling 685 pounds.

References

- The Rev. V. J. K. Brook, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, England
- Vincent Harlow, Rhodes Professor of Imperial History, Kings College
- Abram L. Harris, Professor of Economics, Howard University
- Ralph Bunche, Professor of Political Science, Howard University
- Charles Thompson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University

Budget Summary	
Total Amount Needed	\$3205.00
From Applicant	850.00
From Fund	\$2355.00

Plan of Work x  
Transcripts

Photograph x  
Exhibit Material

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AMOUNT GRANTED

*\$2,000*

Name Eric Eustace Williams

Field: History

Instructor of Social and Political Science  
Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Plan of Work To collect documents, similar to Elizabeth Donnan's monumental work on the slave trade, illustrative of British West Indian life and culture, in 2 volumes: Vol. I, 1492-1783; Vol. II, 1783-1946.

Requests grant to begin May 1947; total duration of project about one year.

Personal Data Born Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, BWI, October 1911  
Married, two dependentsAge: 36  
Draft Status: Class II  
Deferred

Undergraduate Work Oxford University, B.A., 1935

Graduate Work Oxford University, 1935-36; Ph.D, 1939

Experience Assistant professor, Howard University, 1939-46, \$2300 (on leave 1944-46); secretary, Caribbean Research Council, Caribbean Commission, Washington, D. C., 1944-46, \$5000; associate professor, Howard University, September 1946-, \$3970.

Publications: The Negro in the Caribbean, Associates in Negro Folk Education, Wash., 1942 (Pan African Bureau, England, 1945); Capitalism and Slavery, Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1944 (2nd printing, 1945); Education in British West Indies (in press)

Accomplishments Member, Committee on Social Sciences, Caribbean Research Council

Fellowships: Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowship, 1940, \$2000; 1942, \$1800.

## References

John Dewey, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1652
From Applicant	252
From Fund	\$1400

AMOUNT GRANTED

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Name **Eric Williams** Field: **History**

Assistant Professor of Social and Political Science  
Howard University, Washington, D. C.

**Plan of Work**

A general study on "The Caribbean and the Crisis of Democracy"; a technical study on the Caribbean Sugar Industry.

Requests grant for eight months beginning June 1, 1942. Would return to present position.

Granted 1940.

*8 months*

**Personal Data** Born Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, BWI, October 1911. Age: 30  
Married. *d*

**Undergraduate Work** St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, B. A. 1935. *3-A*

**Graduate Work** St. Catherine's Society, Oxford, Ph. D. 1939.

**Experience** Assistant professor, Howard University, 1939- , \$2300.

**Accomplishments** Doctor's Dissertation: "The Economic Aspect of the Abolition of the British West Indian Slave Trade and Slavery"

Publications: articles in professional periodicals.

Various awards and scholarships for education at Oxford.

Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowship, 1940-41, \$2,000

**References**

Ralph J. Bunche, Howard University  
Abram L. Harris, Howard University  
Fernando Ortiz, Lawyer and Author, Habana, Cuba  
William L. Westermann, Columbia University

**Budget Summary**

Total Amount Needed	\$2,565
From Applicant	460
From Fund	\$2,105

AMOUNT GRANTED *\$1,800*

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