**HISTORY DMP APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: Friday, March 27, 2026 by 5 p.m.**

**INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

This application consists of four parts, all of which must be completed to be considered for the DMP.

Completed applications (doc or PDF) and recommendations should be emailed to Professor Joshua White ([jmwhite@virginia.edu](mailto:jmwhite@virginia.edu)).

**PART I.  BASIC INFORMATION**

First Name:

Last Name:

Computing ID:

Local Mailing Address:

Permanent (or Summer) Mailing Address:

Will you be a third-year student in the College as of Fall 2026?  (If not, please explain.)

When did you declare—or will you be declaring—History as your major?

Who is your History major advisor? Or, if undeclared, who would you like your advisor to be?

Have you declared (or do you plan to declare) a second, non-History major, or a minor?  If so, which major (or minor(s)), and when did you or will you declare them?

What is your current GPA?

Please list the college-level HISTORY courses that you have taken or are currently taking as well as any AP HISTORY or IB exams that you have taken, if any.  (List most recent courses/exams first.)

Mnemonic Semester

& Number Course Title & Year Where         Professor/T.A. Grade

*EXAMPLE:*

*HIME 2001 Making of the Islamic World Spring 24 UVa       Richardson   A*

**PART II.  PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Attach a single-spaced statement of roughly 800-1,000 words describing your historical interests and explaining why you would like to write a substantial research paper (that is, a thesis) and why you believe you are qualified to undertake this ambitious endeavor. You are certainly not expected to have a well-developed research topic at this point, but please indicate the area(s) of history (e.g. U.S. Civil War, modern Middle East, medieval China, ancient Rome, etc.) in which you think you would like to work for your DMP thesis, along with any prior experience or skills (e.g. languages, previous coursework) that have prepared you for advanced study. Before writing the statement, please consult the requirements and demands of the DMP at <https://history.virginia.edu/distinguished-majors-program>

**PART III.  CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Ask an instructor with whom you have studied at UVa to email a confidential letter in support of your DMP application to Prof. White. This letter should be submitted by the application deadline. Please ask your recommender well in advance of the deadline to give them sufficient time to write for you.  Ideally, the letter should be written by a member of the History Department, but if necessary you may request a letter from a faculty member in another department OR from a Graduate Teaching Assistant from a History course if you believe that TA knows you and your work better than any professor.

*Please provide the following information:*

Name of Recommender: Department:

Title (e.g., Professor, T.A.): Email:

Course(s) taken with recommender: Course semester/year:

**PART IV.  ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

1)  Attach your Academic Record from SIS.

2)  Attach a WRITING SAMPLE of 5-10 double-spaced pages. Do not submit more than 10 pages. Ideally, this sample should come from a history course.