

**Anthony and Mary Rudis
Research Scholarship**

DESCRIPTION

The Anthony and Mary Rudis Research Scholarship supports students interested in the comparative study of constitutions. Recipients of the scholarship will write a research paper during the following academic year under the guidance of a faculty member.

The research paper can focus on any topic in the comparative study of constitutions, including comparative constitutional law, comparative constitution-making, and comparative constitutionalism. The main objective of the research paper is to develop an understanding of the historical and political origins of the constitutional regimes under study. We particularly encourage research on the comparative study of constitutional rights, concentrating on the ways in which societies secure, or fail to secure the rights of their citizens. We invite students to focus in particular on the concerns of groups and individuals who have been traditionally marginalized or subordinated in society, including (but not limited to) women and ethno-religious minorities. Students may explore the intellectual, political, or social context of different constitutional regimes—past and present—and the ways in which they contribute to the dignity, equality, responsibilities, and integration of such people and groups.

Recipients of the scholarship will enroll in a 3-credit Direct Reading course in the spring semester of the following academic year under the direction of their faculty mentor. Faculty mentors will work closely with students to guide their research and supervise their final papers. The research will culminate in a research paper (20-25 pages) and a poster presentation as part of the Loyola University Research Opportunity program in the spring semester.

The Rudis Scholarship Program award grants of up to \$3,500 for the academic year.