

# Finding Fellowship

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## Harvard-Cambridge Recipient Isaac Heller '23 On Mentorship and Applying for Fellowships



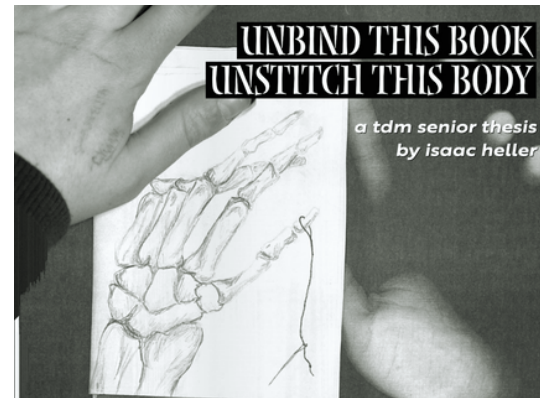
### Developing Academic Interests

Isaac entered Harvard College knowing that Queer and performance histories interested him. He explained that he soon became aware of the many courses and resources that existed at Harvard surrounding not only research but also applied creative opportunities. Through collaboration with Radcliffe fellows, the Theater, Dance, and Media department, and Kirkland House mentors, Isaac excelled in finding both individual and collaborative research experiences surrounding media and queer history. He plans to continue studies in this field next year through the Harvard-Cambridge fellowship.

"...you might be surprised how those more unexpected opportunities broaden your horizons. "

### Consideration of Continued Studies

Isaac shared that he was considering PhD programs during his senior year. However, he discovered that aiming for a one-year intense study program seemed to better suit his interests. Isaac was drawn to the idea of forming a community through the fellowship and meeting like-minded individuals interested in the same field of study, stating that collaborative spaces have consistently positively affected his studies. These factors led him to apply for the Harvard Cambridge fellowship program.



### Application Advice

Isaac says that he would advise applicants not to be afraid to apply for opportunities that may not exactly match their original project profiles. He would encourage students to take the time to apply for multiple opportunities, and to seek encouragement in the fact that applications may change over time. Through approaching past applications with a lens of growth, Isaac says he better understood his learning over time.



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