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**Institute for Research in the Humanities  
Robert M. Kingdon Fellowship for 2018-2019  
Application Information**

**DEADLINE: Thursday, November 2, 2017**

**Online applications only. Access application information and form at the Institute website:**  
<https://irh.wisc.edu/fellowships/kingdon>

The Institute for Research in the Humanities will offer two Robert M. Kingdon Fellowships for 2018-2019 to be awarded to a scholar from outside the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Through a generous bequest from Robert M. Kingdon, the Kingdon Fellowship sponsors scholars working in the humanities in the historical, literary, artistic, and/or philosophical studies of Christian and/or Jewish religious traditions and their role in society. Projects may focus on any period from antiquity to the present, on any part of the world, and in any field(s) in the humanities. Projects may range widely or focus on a particular issue. They may explore various forms of the Jewish and/or Christian traditions; the interaction of one or both of these with other religious traditions; and/or the relationship of one or both of these religions to other aspects of society within or outside of Europe.

Kingdon Fellows are expected to be in residence at the Institute throughout the academic year (except for short research trips, lectures, conferences, etc.) and may extend this residency through the following summer on a non-stipendary basis. The award provides a stipend of \$55,000, office space, support services, and access to all university facilities. Kingdon Fellows are also expected to participate in the intellectual life of the Institute by attending the weekly Monday afternoon seminars (3:30-5:00p.m.) and presenting their work at a seminar. Monday seminars are followed by an informal Tuesday lunch discussion (noon-1:15p.m.) based on the seminar for those who are interested in further discussion of the Monday presentation. Fellows are also encouraged to attend other Institute events, as time and interest permit. Please consult the Institute's website ([irh.wisc.edu](http://irh.wisc.edu)) for more information about other Institute fellowships and activities.

**Eligibility**

- The Institute encourages applications from senior scholars as well as junior scholars with research projects that are well advanced.
- Faculty members of the University of Wisconsin-Madison are not eligible for the fellowship.
- Independent scholars with the Ph.D. are eligible to apply.
- **Applicants must be in possession of the doctorate at the time of application; we will not accept applications from graduate students expecting to have the doctorate by the beginning of the academic year.** Projects to revise the doctoral dissertation should involve substantial expansion, new research, and/or new conceptual frameworks; the proposal should clearly explain how the project relates to the dissertation.
- Former Kingdon Fellows are eligible to apply after seven years from the end date of their prior Kingdon Fellowship.
- Applicants for the Kingdon Fellowship whose research focuses on religious studies in Europe before 1700 are also eligible to apply for the Institute's Solmsen Fellowship program; separate applications for the Kingdon and Solmsen Fellowships are required.

## **Notification of awards will be in March.**

### **Application Materials**

- Proposal, up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should address the significance of the project, how it will be accomplished, and the specific work plan for the period of the grant. Clearly state the intended product of your research. For book projects, an outline of chapters is highly recommended. For revisions of dissertations, substantive change is expected; explain how the book will differ from the dissertation.
- Bibliography, publications (not your own) relevant to the project, up to 2 pages.
- *Curriculum Vitae*, including work forthcoming and in progress.
- Application Form (available on Interfolio), including title and 100-word abstract of project.
- Three letters of recommendations that address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, and past work. (See below for more details).

### **Application Submission Directions**

- Applicants must access the application through the Institute website at <https://irh.wisc.edu/fellowships/kingdon>. This page provides an overview of the fellowship, this call, and a link to the application form hosted on Interfolio. The application process will be open by July 15.
- Enter your proposal materials by the deadline: **Thursday, November 2, 2017.**
- You may submit your application while letters are still pending.
- You do not need to complete your application in a single session. You may start it, log out, and return to it later. (To see your saved applications, go to the Interfolio dashboard and click the “Deliveries” button; un-submitted applications will appear as “in-progress.”)
- Even after submission, you may return to an application to make last-minute edits until the application deadline. (To see your saved applications, go to the Interfolio dashboard and click the “Deliveries” button; submitted applications will appear as “sent deliveries.” Note: The selection committee will not view submitted applications until after the deadline.)

### **Letters of Recommendation Directions**

- Applications require **three** letters of recommendation.
- To identify your recommenders in your application, open the application page. Find the category “Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation,” click the “Add File” button on the far right. At the next screen, select the tab labeled “Request a Recommendation,” then click the “Request” button.
- On the following screen, enter the first and last name of the recommenders along with their email addresses. Click the “Send Request” button to complete the process.
- Interfolio will contact the three recommenders directly. Letters must be submitted through Interfolio; letters emailed directly to the Institute will not be accepted.
- The deadline for letters is **Thursday, November 2, 2017.**

### **Deadline**

- Application Materials: **Thursday, November 2, 2017**
- Letters of recommendation: **Thursday, November 2, 2017**

### **Inquiries**

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact the IRH Director ([director@irh.wisc.edu](mailto:director@irh.wisc.edu); 608- 262-8151)
- For all other questions about this fellowship, contact Ann Harris, Assistant to the Director ([awharris2@wisc.edu](mailto:awharris2@wisc.edu); 608-262-3855)
- For help using Interfolio, please contact Interfolio's help desk ([help@interfolio.com](mailto:help@interfolio.com); 877-997-8807)