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**Institute for Research in the Humanities
Resident Fellowships for 2018-19
Application Information**

DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Online applications only. Access application information and form at the Institute website after July 15th: <http://irh.wisc.edu/fellowships/resident>

The Institute for Research in the Humanities holds an annual competition for up to six one-semester Resident Fellowships for UW-Madison faculty in the College of Letters and Science who are working on a project of significance for the humanities. UW-Madison faculty budgeted outside the College of Letters and Science may also apply for Resident Fellowships, contingent upon agreement from their deans or department chairs to continue their salary during the duration of the fellowships. Resident Fellows receive their regular salary and are released from teaching and service duties for the semester of the fellowship so that they may undertake full-time research and participate in the intellectual life of the interdisciplinary community at the Institute. Fellows with additional funding (e.g., sabbatical, other grants) are invited to remain at the Institute for the academic year. These fellowships are prestigious appointments and represent one of the ways the College of Letters and Science seeks to strengthen the opportunities for concentrated research by faculty in the humanities.

Resident Fellows are expected to present their work at an Institute seminar and attend the weekly Monday afternoon seminars (3:30-5:00p.m.). A follow-up lunch seminar is held every Tuesday, noon-1:15p.m., for those interested in pursuing the Monday seminar discussion further. Resident Fellows are also encouraged to attend other Institute events as time and interest permit. Please consult the Institute's website (irh.wisc.edu) for more information about other Institute fellowships and activities.

Individual faculty members on the tenure-track or tenured at UW-Madison are encouraged to apply. Departmental nominations are accepted but do not necessarily increase the chances of success; departments should encourage all eligible faculty to apply without consideration of the number of applicants in each unit. The Institute seeks the most exciting research projects from candidates who can contribute to and benefit from the interdisciplinary dialogue in the humanities that the Institute fosters.

Eligibility

UW-Madison Resident Fellow applicants must be tenured or tenure-track members of the UW-Madison faculty, must be engaged in scholarship in the humanities, and must be prepared to commit themselves to full participation in Institute seminars for the period of the appointment. UW-Madison faculty budgeted outside the College of Letters and Science may also apply for Resident Fellowships, and, if selected, they will need to provide evidence of funding through their own college or school should they be selected. All applicants must have completed two years on the tenure track or as tenured faculty at UW-Madison before submitting an application.

Projects should be situated clearly within the humanities, which we define broadly to include scholarship on culture, history, literature, the arts and aesthetics, philosophy, theory, media, religion, representation, and language; and interdisciplines with a strong humanistic or cultural component, such as fields focused on gender and women, race and ethnicity, indigeneity, postcolonialism, disability, the environment, law, visual culture, the posthuman, and the digital humanities. We also recognize the importance of work in the humanities that interfaces with the social sciences, the sciences, and the creative and performing arts. Proposals in the performing and creative arts are not generally supported, but such projects with a substantive research component in the humanities will be considered. Proposals involving a revision of the doctoral dissertation should involve major expansion, extensive new research, and/or substantive reconceptualization.

The Institute accepts applications from former Resident or Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) Fellows after seven years from the end date of their prior fellowship. Those who were Resident or REI Fellows in 2009-2010 season or before are eligible to apply this fall for 2018-2019 fellowships.

Former Senior Fellows are eligible to apply for a Resident or REI Fellowship after ten years from the end of their Senior Fellowship. Senior Fellowships which ended in 2007 or before may apply this fall for 2018-2019 Resident or REI Fellowships. Somewhat higher standards will be applied for previous recipients of IRH fellowships.

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/resident>. 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: **Wednesday, October 4, 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 due date.)

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 **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**.

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- Letters of recommendation: **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

Inquiries

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