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**Institute for Research in the Humanities
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship
in the Humanities
Call for Nominations 2020-2021**

DEADLINE: Thursday, February 13, 2020

The Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce the competition for Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowships in the Humanities for 2020-2021. This fellowship is made possible through a generous bequest to the University of Wisconsin-Madison from the Chicago artist Eugene F. Dana (B.S. 1936) and named for Mr. Dana and Glenn R. Allen. Two to three one-semester fellowships are typically awarded every year. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** Departmental nominations are limited to one candidate per department unless the graduate program has more than fifty graduate students with humanistically-oriented research projects. In that case, the department may nominate two candidates. The deadline for departments to submit their chosen nominee(s) to IRH is **Thursday, February 13, 2020**; awards will be announced in late March.

The Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend (currently \$13,000 plus tuition remission and health insurance benefits) Office space, if desired, will be provided, as well as printing, faxing, and photocopying privileges. Dissertation fellows may continue their association with the Institute throughout the academic year of their fellowship regardless of semester chosen for the stipend and tuition remission. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the multi-disciplinary conversation of the Institute by attending the weekly seminars (Monday, 3:30-5:00 PM) and by working from their office space. Dissertation Fellows are also encouraged to participate in the Institute's optional Tuesday follow-up lunch seminars (Noon-1:00 PM), which extend discussion of the Monday seminar; weekly afternoon teas; daily informal lunches; and various other IRH events throughout the year. Dissertators are given the option to lead a group discussion based on their dissertation project in order to garner feedback from the community.

The fellowship is open to Ph.D. students in the humanities or in the humanistically-oriented social sciences; candidates may be from any college or school at UW-Madison. Nominees must have had their dissertation proposals accepted and should have written at least one chapter of the dissertation. Fellows may combine the Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship with another semester of support within an academic year, but the Dana-Allen Fellowship may not be combined with another major fellowship (e.g., ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship), project assistantship, or teaching assistantship during the same semester and the Dana-Allen fellowship may **not** be deferred until a later date. Students who decline a Dana-Allen Fellowship because they have been offered an academic-year fellowship (e.g., ACLS; AAUW; Charlotte Newcombe, etc.) may request honorary fellowship status at the Institute, with the possibility of office space if available.

Nomination Materials:

The nomination materials should be submitted to IRH via email by the nominating department (*not* the student) and should include the following:

- Completed Dana-Allen Nomination Form (available on IRH website)
- Project/Dissertation Proposal, up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should include a description of the project and its significance, a chapter outline, a summary of work accomplished to date, and a plan of work to be undertaken during the fellowship term.
- Bibliography of scholarship relevant to the project (up to 2 pages)
- *Curriculum Vitae* (including work forthcoming and in progress)
- Sample chapter, up to 25 pages (*not including bibliography and end notes*)
- Short departmental nomination letter from the department chair or DGS, which should address the candidate's standing in the graduate program, progress toward the degree, and suitability for a fellowship at the Institute.
- Letter of recommendation from the student's dissertation director or advisor, which should address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, past work, and potential contributions to and benefits from being a fellow at the Institute.

Nomination Submission Directions:

1. **For candidate:** complete the Dana-Allen Nomination Form. Combine the following: 1) nomination form, 2) scanned transcript, 3) 1,500-word proposal, 4) bibliography, 5) CV, and 6) sample chapter into a single PDF and submit to your department by their internal due date. This file should be named in the following format:

Dana-Allen.2020-2021.ApplicantLastName.ApplicantFirstName.pdf

Note: Some departments may require additional materials. Check with your department chair or administrator.

2. **For department chair/administrator/DGS:** Once the department has selected the candidate they would like to forward to the IRH for consideration, combine the selected nominee's application materials (6 items listed above) with the departmental nomination letter, and advisor's letter of recommendation into a single pdf file and send to info@irh.wisc.edu by Thursday, February 13, 2020. For the file name and email subject line, please use the following format:

Dana-Allen.2020-2021.NomineeLastName.NomineeFirstName

Note: Please communicate across the department regarding the nomination (inform all parties: chairs, director of graduate studies, graduate coordinators, and administrators) to assure proper award distribution.

Deadline:

- Nomination Form Deadline: **Determined by department; check with the department chair/administrator for details**
- Department chair/administrator/DGS Deadline for submission to IRH: **Thursday, February 13, 2020**

Inquiries:

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact the IRH Director, Steven Nadler (smnadler@wisc.edu; 608-262-8151)
- For all other questions about this fellowship, contact IRH staff (info@irh.wisc.edu; 608-262-3855)