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**Institute for Research in the Humanities  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madeleine Doran Dissertation Fellowship in English  
[Reference Call for Nominations]**

**DEADLINE: N/A this year; Not offered for 2020-2021**

*Please note: The Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will **not** be holding a competition for the Madeline Doran Dissertation Fellowship in English in 2019-2020 for the 2020-2021 academic year. Made possible through a bequest by Professor Madeleine Doran, the fellowship is for an advanced graduate student in English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** The deadline for nomination submission to IRH is normally Mid-February - March 1<sup>st</sup> in years that the fellowship is offered; awards will be announced by the end of March. The English Department will create its own internal deadline; check with the department for further information.*

The Doran Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend (typically \$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. However, the fellowship cannot be deferred to a later date for any reason. 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 English Department will select a nominee and send the required materials to the Institute Director for final approval by Mid-February through March 1<sup>st</sup> in years that the fellowship is offered.** The Department may nominate the same candidate for the Doran and Dana-Allen Fellowships at the Institute, or choose a different candidate for each fellowship competition. The Dana-Allen nominee will be considered on the basis of how their research contributes to the multi-disciplinary nature of the Institute, while the Doran candidate will be evaluated for their potential contributions to the field of English.

Madeleine Doran was a distinguished faculty member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1935 to 1975. Born in 1905 and educated at Stanford University (AB and PhD) and the University of Iowa (AM), she joined the faculty as an Instructor in English and ended her career as Ruth C. Wallerstein Professor of English Literature (1967-75). She was also a Fellow of the Institute for Research in the Humanities (1970-75). An expert in Elizabethan drama and

especially Shakespeare, Professor Doran was the author of seven scholarly monographs and books. A beloved and devoted teacher, she was also the author of two books of essays and poems. At her death in 1996, Professor Doran left a bequest to the University that was divided between the Department of English, The Institute for Research in the Humanities, and the Elvehjem Museum (now the Chazen Museum of Art).

### **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 IRH Doran Fellowship Nomination Form (available on IRH Website in years that fellowship is offered)
- 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)
- 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:**

**Department chair/administrator/DGS:** Once the department has selected the candidate they would like to forward to the IRH for Doran consideration, combine the selected nominee's application materials (5 items listed above) into a single pdf file and send to [info@irh.wisc.edu](mailto:info@irh.wisc.edu) by Mid-February-March 1<sup>st</sup> in years that the fellowship is offered. For the file name and email subject line, please use the following format:

*Doran.2020-2021.NomineeLastName.NomineeFirstName*

### **Deadline:**

- Deadline for request for nomination: **Determined by the English department; check with department chair/administrator for internal deadline, required application materials, and application process**
- Department chair/administrator/DGS Deadline for submission of nomination materials to IRH: **N/A this year; typically Mid-February through March 1<sup>st</sup> in years that fellowship is offered**

### **Inquiries:**

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