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Institute for Research in the Humanities
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) Fellowship
Call for Applications 2020-2021

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 3, 2019

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Online applications only. Access application information and form at the Institute website in late July 2019: http://irh.wisc.edu/irh-fellowships/

The Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce its annual competition for up to two one-semester fellowships for UW-Madison faculty with projects that focus directly on race, ethnicity, and/or indigeneity in any part of the world and historical period and that foster comparative study of these issues with a clear significance for the humanities. These Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) Faculty Fellowships will be granted for semesters within the 2020-2021 academic year. *Some social science and science faculty may qualify for these fellowships (see below).* UW-Madison faculty budgeted outside the College of Letters and Science may also apply for REI Fellowships, contingent upon agreement from their deans or department chairs to continue their salary during the duration of the fellowships. REI Fellows receive their regular salary and are released from teaching and service duties for the semester of their 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 continue at the Institute for the entire academic year. However, the fellowship may not be deferred for any reason. 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.

REI Fellows are expected to attend the weekly Monday afternoon seminars (3:30-5:00 PM) and to present their work at one of these meetings. A follow-up lunch discussion is held every Tuesday (Noon-1:00 PM) for those interested in further discussing the Monday seminar. REI 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. All REI Fellowship applications are also considered automatically for Resident Fellowships, without a separate application. The Institute seeks the most exciting research projects from candidates who can contribute to and benefit from the interdisciplinary conversation in the humanities that the Institute fosters.

Eligibility

REI Fellowship applicants must be tenured or tenure-track members of the UW-Madison faculty, must be engaged in scholarship that focuses directly on race, ethnicity, and/or indigeneity with clear significance for 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 REI Fellowships, and, if selected, they will need to provide evidence of funding through their own college or school. Proposals involving a revision of the doctoral dissertation should involve major expansion, extensive new research, and/or substantive reconceptualization. All applicants must have completed two years on the tenure track or as tenured faculty at UW-Madison <u>before</u> submitting an application.

Projects must focus directly on issues of race, ethnicity, and/or indigeneity, foster a comparative study of these issues, and have a clearly stated significance for the humanities. Projects may engage with these issues in any part of the world and historical period, including but not limited to the United States. In addition to applications in the humanities, applications in the social and natural sciences will be considered if they demonstrate a potential for comparative, theoretical, and/or interdisciplinary conversation with the humanities. 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. All applicants should demonstrate their interest in and ability to contribute to an interdisciplinary humanities environment.

The Institute accepts applications from former REI and Resident Fellows after seven years from the end date of their prior fellowship. Those who were Resident or REI fellows in 2011-2012 or before are eligible to apply this fall for 2020-2021 fellowships.

Former Senior Fellows are eligible to apply for a REI or Resident Fellowship after ten years from the end of their Senior Fellowship. Senior Fellows whose fellowships ended 2009 or before may apply this fall for 2020-2021 Resident or REI Fellowships.

Somewhat higher standards will be applied for previous recipients of IRH fellowships.

Application Materials
- REI Fellow Application Form (available only online via Interfolio; includes project title and a required 100-word abstract of project).
- Project/Book Proposal, up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should address the significance of the project; its relationship to issues of race, ethnicity and/or indigeneity; 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.
- Three letters of recommendation that address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, and past work. (Must be submitted online via Interfolio. See below for more details).

Application Submission
- Applicants may access the Interfolio application through the Institute website or here: https://apply.interfolio.com/65661. The application process will be open by August 1, 2019.
- You *can* submit your application while letters of recommendation are still pending but letters of recommendation must be uploaded to Interfolio by the deadline.
- You must complete your online application and upload all required materials to Interfolio by 11:59 PM ET on the deadline: **Thursday, October 3, 2019** (this includes recommendation letters uploaded by your recommenders.
- You do not need to complete your application in a single session. You may start it, save changes, 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.")
- You are welcome to submit early. Even after submission, you may return to an application to make edits and changes until the October 3rd application deadline. (To see an application you have already submitted, go to the Interfolio dashboard and click the "Deliveries" button; submitted applications will appear as "sent deliveries.") **The selection committee will not view submitted applications until after the deadline.**

Letters of Recommendation
- Applications require **three** letters of recommendation.
- To identify your recommenders and request letters of recommendation from them within the Interfolio 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 letter writers to submit letters is also 11:59 PM ET on **Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

Deadlines
- Application Materials Submitted through Interfolio: **Thursday, October 3, 2019**

- Letters of recommendation uploaded to Interfolio: **Thursday, October 3, 2019**
- Notification from IRH: **Late December/early January**

<u>Inquiries</u>
- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact Steven Nadler, IRH Director (smnadler@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)