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UW System Fellowship
Call for Applications 2020-2021

Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2021

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to offer up to four fellowships each year to faculty at University of Wisconsin System campuses, with release time from teaching and service for 1-2 semesters. Funding comes from a combination of sources: the home institutions, UW System grant fund allocations to the home institutions, and UW-Madison's contribution of about $5,000 per fellow to each home institution. Fellows are provided with an IRH office (space permitting), support services, and access to all university facilities. One-semester fellows with additional funding are invited to remain in residence at the IRH for the full academic year, and may extend their appointments through the summer. However, fellowships may not be deferred.

UW System fellows are expected to participate in the intellectual life of the IRH by attending the weekly Monday seminar (3:30-5:00 PM), and (schedule permitting) may be invited to make a seminar presentation. Monday seminars are followed by informal Tuesday lunch discussions (Noon-1:00 PM), for those who are able to participate. Fellows are also encouraged to join the informal daily lunches at IRH, weekly afternoon teas, and other IRH events, as time and interest permit. Please consult the IRH website (http://irh.wisc.edu/) for information about other fellowships and activities.

Applicants should arrange funding for the fellowship through their home institution _before_ submitting an application to IRH.

Required Application Materials:
- UW System Application Form. (Jotform link to application. Form must be completed in one sitting; please allow significant time to complete application before beginning the form.)
- 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, 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.

- Project Bibliography. Publications (not your own) relevant to the project, up to 2 pages.
- *Curriculum Vitae*. Including work forthcoming and in progress.
- Letter from Home Institution. (e.g., department chair) attesting to funding support for period of the grant.
- Two letters of recommendation. Each must address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, and past work. (Must be emailed directly to IRH from the letter writer: info@irh.wisc.edu by 11:59PM CT, February 26, 2021).

Online Application Form and Attachment Specifications:
- The online application form link can be found on the IRH website or here: https://form.jotform.com/201894066301956.
  - o **The form takes between 20-40 minutes to complete and cannot be saved for multiple sittings. Your window for completing the application will expire within 24 hours.** If you need to leave and return to the application in the 24-hour period; make sure to use the **same browser** and computer as your previous session(s).
  - o **Please have all of your documents and recommendation letter writer contact information ready *before* beginning the online form** (see above for application materials list).
- You will attach required application materials (proposal, bibliography, CV, letter) to your online application form. (Make sure all required attachments are separate PDF files.) Prepare your files before beginning the application.
- Attached files must be labeled using the following naming format. This helps us track your application among all the simultaneous fellowship competitions and archive your materials:
  UWSystem.2021-2022.LastName_FirstName.Proposal.pdf
  UWSystem.2021-2022.LastName_FirstName.Bibliography.pdf
  UWSystem.2021-2022.LastName_FirstName.CV.pdf
  UWSystem.2021-2022.LastName_FirstName.Funding_Letter.pdf
- If you have trouble uploading files when submitting the application form, email info@irh.wisc.edu for assistance. For your email subject line, please mention your name and that you are applying for the UW System Fellowship.

Letters of Recommendation:
- The **two** letters of reference required should address the significance and feasibility of the proposed research, quality of the proposal, qualifications for the project, and past work.
- Letters should be sent in pdf format directly to IRH (info@irh.wisc.edu) from the

recommender. Letters must be received by 11:59PM CT on February 26, 2021.

- Due to the large number of application and fellowship competition files that IRH handles at this time of year, inform your letter writers that the **email subject line must contain both "UW System Fellowship" and your name** and that their letter **must be in pdf format named in the following convention:** *UWSystem.2021-2022.Rec_Letter.Your_Name.Recommender's_Name.pdf*
- We prefer but do not require that recommendation letters to be on letterhead, signed with the recommender's affiliation.

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- Application materials and application form submitted online: 11:59 PM CT **Friday, February 26, 2021.**
- Letters of recommendation emailed to IRH: 11:59 PM CT **Friday, February 26, 2021.**
- Notification: **April 2021.**

Inquiries

- 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 with the online form or uploads of pdfs, contact IRH (info@irh.wisc.edu)