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**Institute for Research in the Humanities  
University of Wisconsin-Madison**

**Dana-Allen Dissertation  
Fellowship in the Humanities  
Call for Nominations 2021-2022**

**DEADLINE: Friday, February 12, 2021**

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce the competition for up to three Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowships in the Humanities for 2021-2022. 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. **Application is by departmental nomination only.** Departmental nominations are limited to one candidate per department unless the department's graduate program has more than fifty students pursuing doctoral degrees 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 **Friday, February 12, 2021**; awards will be announced in late March. Departments will create their own internal deadlines; students should check with their department for further information.

The Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend (currently \$13,000 plus tuition remission and health insurance benefits). Office space, if available, will be provided, as well as printing, faxing, and photocopying privileges. Dissertation fellows may continue their association with IRH 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 IRH by attending the weekly Monday seminars (3:30-5:00 PM) and by working from their office space. Dissertation fellows are also encouraged to participate in the 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. Dissertation Fellows are given the option to lead a group discussion based on their dissertation project in order to garner feedback from the IRH 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 Dissertation Fellowship may not be combined with another major fellowship (e.g., ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, departmental awards), project assistantship, or teaching assistantship during the same semester and the Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship may **not** be deferred until a later date. Students who decline a Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship because they have been offered an academic-year fellowship (e.g., ACLS; AAUW; Charlotte Newcombe, etc.) may request honorary fellowship status at IRH, 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. PDF form available on the IRH Website (note that this application form requires a 100-word dissertation *abstract* which will be significantly different from required dissertation *proposal* below).
- 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.
- Dissertation bibliography. Scholarship relevant to the project (up to 2 pages).
- Curriculum Vitae. Including work forthcoming and in progress.
- Sample dissertation chapter. Up to 25 pages, *not* including bibliography and end notes.
- UW-Madison transcript page, showing prelim exam pass date or admission to candidacy date (unofficial copies are acceptable).
- Departmental nomination letter. Short letter from the department chair or DGS addressing the candidate's standing in the graduate program, progress toward the degree, and suitability for a fellowship at the IRH.
- 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 IRH.

### **Nomination Submission Directions:**

#### **1. For candidate:**

- Request a recommendation letter from your dissertation director/advisor well before your department's application deadline. Your advisor should send the recommendation letter directly to the department administrator coordinating applications.
- Carefully complete the Dana-Allen Nomination Form (make sure you have the

proper departmental contacts listed and that your dissertation abstract is capped at *100 words*).

- Collect and prepare the following documents:-1)1,500-word dissertation proposal, 2) dissertation bibliography, 3) CV, 4) sample chapter, 5) Copy of page from your unofficial transcripts showing Ph.D. Candidacy status.
- Combine application form and the 5 items above into a *single* PDF and submit to your department by their internal due date. (Note: Some departments may require additional materials. Check with your department chair or administrator.) The file must be named in the following format:

**Dana-Allen.2021-2022.ApplicantLastName.ApplicantFirstName.pdf**

## **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 packet pdf with 1) the departmental nomination letter, and 2) advisor's letter of recommendation and save as a single pdf file named:

**Dana-Allen.2020-2021.NomineeLastName.FirstName\_DeptName**

- Send the pdf file to [info@irh.wisc.edu](mailto:info@irh.wisc.edu) by 11:59PM CT Friday, February 12, 2021. Include "Dana-Allen Nomination," the nominee's full name, and your department in the subject line.
- *Note: Please communicate across the department regarding the nomination (inform all parties: chairs, director of graduate studies, graduate coordinators, administrators, and the student's advisor/dissertation director) to assure proper award distribution.*

## **Deadline:**

- Nomination Form Deadline: **Determined by department; check with the department chair/administrator for internal deadline, required application materials, and application process**
- Department chair/administrator/DGS Deadline for submission to IRH: **Friday, February 12, 2021**

## **Inquiries:**

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact the IRH Director, Steven Nadler ([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)