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

Madeleine Doran Dissertation Fellowship in English Call for Nominations 2021-2022

DEADLINE: Friday, February 12, 2021

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) is pleased to announce it will be offering one Madeleine Doran Dissertation Fellowship in English for the 2021-2022 academic year. Made possible through a bequest by Professor Madeleine Doran, the fellowship is for an outstanding graduate student in an advanced stage of writing a dissertation supervised by a faculty member in the English Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Application is by departmental nomination only. One fellowship is usually awarded each year. The deadline for nomination submission to IRH is **February 12, 2021**; awards will be announced by the end of March. The English Department will create its own internal deadline; interested students should check with the department for further information.

The Doran Dissertation Fellowship provides a one-semester stipend (\$13,000 plus tuition remission and health insurance benefits). Office space, if desired, will be provided, as well as printing, scanning, 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 English Department will select a nominee and send the required materials to the IRH Director for final approval by February 12th. The English Department may nominate the same candidate for the Doran and Dana-Allen Fellowships at IRH, 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 IRH, 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 IRH (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 IRH, 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 Doran Nomination Form. PDF form available on the IRH Website (note that this application form requires a *shortened* 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.
- 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 for Department chair/administrator/DGS Submitter:

- Once the department has selected the candidate they would like to forward to the IRH for Doran consideration, combine nominee's application materials (5 items listed above) into a single pdf file named as follows:
Doran.2021-2022.NomineeLastName.NomineeFirstName
- *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.*
- Send the file to: info@irh.wisc.edu by **Friday, February 12, 2021**. With the following subject line:
Doran Fellowship Nomination, 2021-2022, Nominee Name

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: **February 12, 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 IRH staff (info@irh.wisc.edu; 608-262-3855)