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Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) Faculty Fellowship

Call for Applications for 2022-2023 Fellowship
DEADLINE: Friday, October 1, 2021

Online applications only. Access application information and link to digital application by going here: https://irh.wisc.edu/irh-fellowships/ (scroll down to "internal fellowships")

The Institute for Research in the Humanities (IRH) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is pleased to announce its annual competition for up to two one-semester fellowships for UW-Madison faculty in the College of Letters & Science who are working on 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 2022-2023 academic year. UW-Madison faculty budgeted outside the College of Letters & 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 fellowship. REI fellows receive their regular salary and are released from teaching and service duties for the semester of the fellowship so that they may undertake full-time research and participate in the intellectual community of the IRH. Fellows with additional funding (e.g., sabbatical, other grants) are invited to remain at the IRH for the full 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 & Science seeks to strengthen the opportunities for concentrated research by faculty in the humanities.

Note: All REI Fellowship applications are automatically considered for resident fellowships without a separate application.

REI fellows are expected to participate in the intellectual life of the IRH by attending the weekly Monday afternoon seminar (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 IRH activities and events as time and interest permit. Please consult the IRH website (irh.wisc.edu) for more information about other IRH 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. The IRH seeks the most exciting research projects from candidates who can contribute to and benefit from the interdisciplinary dialogue in the humanities that the IRH 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 IRH 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, will need to provide evidence of funding through their own college or school.
- All applicants must have completed two years on the tenure track or as tenured faculty at UW-Madison before applying.
- 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. Proposals involving a revision of the doctoral dissertation should involve major expansion, extensive new research, and/or substantive reconceptualization.
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- Projects that are primarily translations, anthologies or preparation of editions are not eligible.
- The IRH accepts applications from former resident or Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) fellows after seven years from the end date of their prior fellowship. Those who were resident or REI fellows in 2013-2014 season or before are eligible to apply this fall for 2022-2023 fellowships.
- Former senior fellows are eligible to apply for a resident or REI fellowship after ten

years from the end of their senior fellowship. Senior fellowships which ended in 2011 or before may apply this fall for 2022–2023 resident or REI fellowships.

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

Application Materials

- [REI UW Faculty Fellow Application Form](). Required entries in the form include a Project title and *short* 100-word Project abstract.
- Project Proposal. Up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal should address the significance of the project. Clearly state the intended product of your research, whether it is a book or an article (or series of articles). 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. The proposal should also state how the project will be accomplished, and the specific work plan for the period of the grant.
- Project Bibliography. Publications (not your own) relevant to the project, up to 2 pages.
- *Curriculum Vitae*. Including work forthcoming and in progress.
- 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. Please note that *all* letters of recommendation should come from colleagues *outside* of UW-Madison. (Must be submitted online via Interfolio. See below for more details.)

Application Submission

- Applicants must access the online application through Interfolio: [apply.interfolio.com/90384]().
- You must complete your online application and upload all required materials to Interfolio by 11:59 PM ET on **Friday, October 1, 2021** (recommendation letters must also be uploaded by your recommenders by 11:59 ET pm 10/01/21). Note that Interfolio operates out of DC and deadlines are set at Eastern Time, **not** Central Time. Deadline is **10:59 PM** within Madison.
- 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 *may* submit your application early while letters of recommendation are still pending (in fact, we encourage you do so); letters of recommendation can be submitted even after you submit your portion, but they must be uploaded to Interfolio by the 11:59 PM ET/10:59 CT deadline.
- Please press the "submit" button on your portion of the application as soon as possible. Even after submission, you may return to an application to make edits and

changes until 11:59 PM ET/10:59 PM CT on October 1st. (Again, 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 review or read any of your submitted materials until October 2nd.**

Letters of Recommendation

- Applications require **two** letters of recommendation from colleagues outside UW-Madison.
- 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 then contact the two recommenders directly with instructions on how to submit your letters. Please do this early so that Interfolio has time to contact your recommenders and they have time to review Interfolio's submission instructions. **Letters must be submitted through Interfolio; letters emailed directly to the IRH will not be accepted.**
- The deadline for letter writers to submit letters is also 11:59 PM ET/10:59 PM CT on **Friday, October 1, 2021.**

Deadlines

- Application Materials Submitted through Interfolio: **Friday, October 1, 2021**
- Letters of recommendation uploaded to Interfolio: **Friday, October 1, 2021**
- Notification from IRH: **Late December/early January**

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 Elizabeth Neary, IRH Project Assistant (info@irh.wisc.edu)
- For help using Interfolio, please contact Interfolio's help desk (help@interfolio.com; 877-997-8807)