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## **Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) Faculty Fellowship**

### **Call for Applications for 2025-2026 Fellowship DEADLINE: Friday, October 4, 2024**

Access application information and link to digital application on the IRH fellowships webpage: <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 2025-2026 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), utilizing their IRH office regularly (if receiving office space), and giving a seminar presentation at the IRH. Fellows are also encouraged to join the weekly afternoon teas and other IRH events as time and interest permit. Please consult the IRH’s website for more information about events.

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 multi-disciplinary 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 & 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 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.
- Projects that are primarily translations, anthologies, or preparation of editions are not eligible.
- The IRH accepts applications from former resident faculty fellows or Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) faculty fellows after seven years from the end date of their prior IRH fellowship. Those who were resident or REI fellows in the 2017-2018 season or before are eligible to apply this fall for 2025-2026 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 the 2014-2015 academic year or before may apply this fall for 2025-2026 resident or REI fellowships.
- Somewhat higher standards will be applied for previous recipients of IRH fellowships.

### **Application Materials**

- Project proposal. Up to 1,500 words (about 5 double-spaced pages of 12-point font). The proposal, written to be accessible to readers outside your discipline and free of

jargon, 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. Letters must be submitted online via Interfolio (see below for more details). Successful applications from more senior scholars tend *not* to have letters from the applicant’s degree-granting institution (e.g., dissertation advisor).
- Completed REI UW faculty fellow Interfolio questionnaire. Note: required entries in the Interfolio application “form” will include a reduced 100-word project abstract (separate from your uploaded project proposal); please prepare this shortened abstract before beginning the Interfolio application. Abstracts over 100 words will be cut off in review materials sent to the selection committee. REI applicants need not submit a separate “resident UW faculty fellow interfolio application” form to be considered for the resident competition; your application will automatically be duplicated for both committees.

### **Application Submission**

- Applicants must access the online application through Interfolio. The Interfolio application link is found in the Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity (REI) faculty fellowship section of the IRH fellowships webpage: <https://irh.wisc.edu/irh-fellowships/> (scroll down to the expandable “internal fellowships” menu).
- You must complete your online application and upload all required materials to Interfolio by 11:59 pm Eastern Time (**10:59 pm Central Time**) on Friday, **October 4, 2024** (recommendation letters must also be uploaded by your recommenders by 11:59pm ET/10:59pm CT on 10/04/24). Interfolio operates out of Washington, D.C. and deadlines are set at Eastern Time, NOT Central Time. Deadline is **10:59 pm** if you are in 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 *can* submit your application early while letters of recommendation are still pending (in fact, we encourage you to do so); letters of recommendation can be submitted even after you submit your portion, but they must be uploaded to Interfolio by the deadline (10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET).

- Please press the “**submit**” button on your portion of the application as soon as possible. Even after submission, you may return to an application repeatedly to make edits and changes until 10:59 pm CT/11:59 pm ET on October 4th. (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 4th.**

### **Letters of Recommendation**

- Applications require two letters of recommendation from colleagues outside UW-Madison.
- To identify your letter writers and request letters of recommendation from them within the Interfolio system: Open the application page. Find the category “*Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation*” and click the “*Add File*” button on the far right. On 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 recommender along with their email address. 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 writers and so 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 4, 2024**. Letters submitted after midnight will not be attached to your application. IRH does not send reminder emails to writers, so check Interfolio early and often to make sure your letters are submitted ahead of the deadline.

### **Deadlines**

- Application materials submitted through Interfolio (by applicant): **Friday, October 4, 2024.**
- Letters of recommendation uploaded to Interfolio (by recommenders): **Friday, October 4, 2024.**
- Notifications from IRH: **Early January 2025.**

### **Inquiries**

- For substantive questions about projects and proposals, contact Steven Nadler, IRH Director ([smnadler@wisc.edu](mailto:smnadler@wisc.edu); 608-262-8151).
- For all other questions about this fellowship and the application process, contact Katie Apsey, IRH Associate Director ([apsey@wisc.edu](mailto:apsey@wisc.edu); 608-262-3855).
- For help using Interfolio, please contact Interfolio’s help desk ([help@interfolio.com](http://help@interfolio.com), 877-997-8807).