

Call for Applications
Center/Institute Fellows Program:
In Conjunction with the Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release Program

The College of the Liberal Arts is pleased to announce the availability of Centers & Institutes Fellows Awards, in conjunction with the Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release (HIDR) program. The HIDR program provides Liberal Arts graduate students with a one-semester release from teaching or related service. Students who the HIDR are appointed on an assistantship and required to be in residence during the semester of the award. Recipients of a Center or Institute Fellow Award receive an additional research grant and other opportunities, as provided by particular centers and institutes. A detailed program description can be found at: <http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/graduate-students/student-resources/funding-opportunities/humanities-initiative-dissertation-support-semester-release-opportunities>.

The following centers and institutes currently partner with the College of the Liberal Arts in making these awards.

Africana Research Center: <http://arc.psu.edu/initiatives/fellowship-programs/dissertation-fellowships>

Institutes for the Arts & Humanities: <http://iah.psu.edu/grants/graduate-residencies.shtml>

Center for Humanities and Information: <http://www.chi.la.psu.edu/>

Rock Ethics Institute: <http://rockethics.psu.edu/frontpage/research/humanities-initiative-dissertation-support>

Center for American Literary Studies: <http://cals.la.psu.edu/resources/cals-dissertation-support-awards-1>

Center for Democratic Deliberation: <http://cdd.la.psu.edu/research/dissertation-fellows/graduate-fellows-program>

Center for Global Studies: <http://cgs.psu.edu/DissertationSupport.shtml>

Center for Language Acquisition: <http://language.la.psu.edu/pages/gil-watz-programs>

Students may apply to be a fellow in more than one center or institute; however, applicants will not be awarded affiliation with more than one program.

HIDR Eligibility Criteria

1. Students must be enrolled in a CLA department or program devoted to scholarship in the humanities.
2. Students must be ABD and supported on assistantship during the semester of the release.
3. Students must receive a full one-term release from teaching and other duties from their home department/program so they can devote themselves full time to the dissertation while in residence at University Park
4. Students may not hold any other academic appointment during the release semester.
5. Students must have an approved dissertation proposal before the beginning the semester of their release.

Application Procedures: Applicants should send their applications materials to Keshia Kennelley (kak43@psu.edu) by April 1, 2016 at 5pm.

Applications for the Center Fellows Program should include:

1. A complete information summary form (attached below)
2. A memo from the director of graduate studies indicating eligibility for the Humanities Initiative Dissertation Release in the 2016-17 academic year
3. A curriculum vitae (no more than three pages)
4. A cover letter that includes:
 - a. which semester you would like to take the release
 - b. a brief description of the dissertation project *and* its connection with the focus of the center or institute to which the student is applying
 - c. the status of the dissertation proposal
 - d. a timetable for completing the dissertation
 - e. interest in participating in the activities of the center/institute while engaged as a Fellow

Information Summary Form
Center/Institute Fellows Program

NAME: _____

ID#: _____

EMAIL: _____

Department/Program: _____

In the spaces below, list the centers and/or institutes to which you are applying, in order of your preference, and provide a brief explanation for your ranking.

#1: _____
(center or institute to which student is applying)

(provide a brief explanation for your ranking and interest in affiliating with this center/institute)

#2: _____
(center or institute to which student is applying)

(provide a brief explanation for your ranking and interest in affiliating with this center/institute)

#3: _____
(center or institute to which student is applying)

(provide a brief explanation for your ranking and interest in affiliating with this center/institute)

#4: _____
(center or institute to which student is applying)

(provide a brief explanation for your ranking and interest in affiliating with this center/institute)

#5: _____
(center or institute to which student is applying)

(provide a brief explanation for your ranking and interest in affiliating with this center/institute)