The Center for the Humanities invites applications for the second year of a program focused on providing graduate students in the humanities with professional experience outside of academia. The Public Humanities Fellows are part of Engaging the Humanities, a multiyear project generously supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation that will create opportunities for UW-Madison graduate students and faculty to broaden the impact of their research through workshops, seminars, programs, and visiting scholars, in addition to the fellowships.

Overview

In 2015/16 the Center for the Humanities will place SIX graduate fellows in staff positions at established cultural institutions in Madison where they will have the opportunity to use their experience and expertise to develop new programs and expand existing ones. Fellows will hold a 50% appointment (approximately 20 hours/week); they will receive a salary, stipend, benefits, and tuition remission.

Available Positions

Goodman Community Center (9-months, begins August 24, 2015)
Great World Texts in Wisconsin, Center for the Humanities (12-months, begins July 1, 2015)
Overture Center for the Arts (9-months, begins August 24, 2015)
Rabble (12-months, begins July 1, 2015)
Taliesin Preservation, Inc. (9-months, begins August 24, 2015)
Wisconsin Humanities Council (12-months, begins July 1, 2015)

This competition is open to students in the humanities and related fields who are currently writing dissertations. We expect that they will bring to these positions a host of skills drawn from their scholarly training, including a strong research and writing background, creativity, and specific forms of field-based knowledge and expertise (in, for example, history, anthropology, art history, cultural studies, digital media, literature, languages, or film, among many others). Partner organizations will provide Fellows the opportunity to undertake significant work on innovative programs and ensure that they receive appropriate mentoring. Applicants should apply for a position, rather than to the program as a whole.

Eligibility and Criteria

The Fellowship is open to advanced UW-Madison graduate students in the humanities and related fields (i.e., PhD candidates currently working on their dissertations). Applicants will be reviewed based on their academic accomplishments in the humanities; relevant training and experience; and the relation between the fellowship and their professional goals.
Applicants are encouraged to read each position description and apply for one position.

1. **Name:**

2. **Address:**

3. **Telephone Number:**

4. **Email Address:**

5. **Student ID number:**

6. **Department:**

7. **Field of Specialization:**

8. **Dates of Preliminary Examination(s) and admission to candidacy:**

9. **Title of Dissertation:**

10. **100 word abstract of dissertation:**

11. **Faculty director of your dissertation:**

12. **Expected date of completion of PhD:**

13. **Briefly state your research interests:**

14. **Position to which you are applying:**

15. **Would you be interested in interviewing for a different fellowship position? If yes, please list two additional choices.**
16. List the names, titles, institution, and email addresses of two references. Reference letters should address the student’s academic record and progress; qualifications for the position; past work; and potential contributions to and benefits from a Public Humanities Fellowship. Reference letters should be submitted electronically as a PDF document and sent directly to: applications@humanities.wisc.edu with “PH Fellowship_RefLetter_STUDENT NAME” in the subject.

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Additional Materials

1) COVER LETTER (required)

This should be written for the specific position you have selected. Please address your letter to the selected organization. You should explain why you are applying for this position and how your academic and extra-academic experience prepares you for it.

2) CV or Resume (required)

3) Statement (optional)

In 500 words (or less), please present any information that enhances and expands on but does not duplicate your cover letter.

Please submit all application materials electronically, in a single PDF document.

In the subject line, please put “PH Fellowship Application_ORG NAME_STUDENT NAME” and send to applications@humanities.wisc.edu

Applications due: February 28, 2015