

2015-2016 Public Humanities Fellowship Program: General Information

About the Program

Launched in 2013, the Center for the Humanities' *Public Humanities Fellowship Program* provides UW-Madison graduate students in the humanities with enriching experiences outside of academia that reflect and support their research while contributing to the vitality of organizations in the Madison community. This competitive program is open to UW-Madison PhD candidates in the humanities, who bring to their Fellowships a host of skills and knowledge drawn from their scholarly work. Partner organizations provide Fellows with opportunities to undertake significant projects and programs, and ensure that they receive appropriate mentoring. In addition to providing new experiences for Fellows and host organizations, the program also seeks to enhance the value of the humanities in the public sphere.

The Center's Public Humanities Fellowship program – which has become a model for humanities graduate programs in the US – is part of *Engaging the Humanities*, a multi-year project made possible by a major grant from the A.W. Mellon Foundation.

The Center for the Humanities

The Center for the Humanities catalyzes innovative, interdisciplinary, and collaborative inquiry in core and emerging humanities fields at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and in the communities it serves. Founded in 1999, the Center for the Humanities advances the humanities on campus and beyond, by drawing faculty, staff, students, and the public into informed, thoughtful, and civil discourse on the political, literary, ethical, and aesthetic questions of the day.

People

Current and past Public Humanities Fellows represent nine humanities departments and related disciplines:

- African Languages and Literature
- Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies
- English Literary Studies
- History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
- Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- Art History
- English
- History
- Musicology

Places

The Public Humanities Fellowship program has placed graduate students with twelve community organizations:

- Fair Share CSA Coalition
- Great World Texts in Wisconsin
- Madison Public Library
- Rabble, LLC
- University of Wisconsin Foundation
- Wisconsin Public Radio
- Goodman Community Center
- Madison Children's Museum
- Overture Center for the Arts
- Taliesin Preservation, Inc.
- Wisconsin Humanities Council
- Wisconsin Public Television