

SOCIETY OF FELLOWS: FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

DEADLINE: April 15, 2020

The Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme Society of Fellows program invites applications for its inaugural faculty fellowship program. **The theme for 2020-2021 is Human Rights: Pasts and Futures.** The theme is meant to be both transnational and trans-historical in scope. We are looking to gather a group of fellows to share multi-disciplinary approaches to and perspectives on the international human rights movement, the relationship between human rights law and culture, and creative forms of human rights representation and resistance.

We are committed to cross-disciplinary collaboration between creative and scholarly inquiry. We therefore welcome applications from individuals who are working on projects that focus on the important role of the arts and humanities in understanding human rights over time. We are particularly interested in projects that mobilize arts and humanities perspectives to address complex global challenges such as migration, mass incarceration, structural violence and environmental degradation. Projects can speak to the impact of such global challenges as they intersect with social rights, sexual rights, gender, racial and disability justice as well as underlying presumptions about empathy and bodies-in-space.

The goals of the Society of Fellows are to support faculty research and creative practices that highlight the transformative power of the arts and humanities to address global challenges and social needs; develop shared responses; and facilitate the multi-disciplinary exchange of ideas and methods on a shared topic. In addition to participating in a biweekly seminar, fellows co-organize a culminating year-end event to share their work.

FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme will award six-to-eight academic year residential fellowships to faculty currently employed by Ohio State. These fellowships are designed to provide faculty with release time to focus on their scholarly and artistic work, as well as with opportunities to engage with other Ohio State faculty, students and local Columbus community organizations. Three-to-four external fellows will join the core group of Ohio State faculty fellows from across the university to share work in progress. Fellows will participate in a biweekly seminar and co-organize a culminating public-facing event (symposium, exhibition, series of workshops, etc.). Fellows will be provided administrative support for event planning.

Faculty from all arts and humanities disciplines, in any college, may apply, but faculty whose research and/or creative practices are interdisciplinary in orientation or whose projects would benefit from input from multi-disciplinary engagement are especially welcome.

ELIGIBILITY AND RELEASE TIME

Associate and full professors on all campuses are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to associate professors for whom this support would facilitate promotion to full professor. Assistant professors who will have passed their fourth-year review at the start of the fellowship period are also eligible.

Faculty must commit to being in attendance on the Columbus campus during the fellowship period so that they can participate fully in the biweekly seminar and contribute to the planning and implementation of the culminating public event.

During the fellowship period, faculty participating in the society will receive a course buyout equivalent to 32% base salary and benefits. In accordance with college policy, these funds will provide a two-course buyout. The GAHDT will transfer these funds to the faculty member's TIU. TIU heads will work with the faculty member to reduce service responsibilities in accordance with college guidelines and in line with unit needs.

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ELIGIBILITY AND RELEASE TIME (CONTINUED)

The fellowship may be taken concurrently with an Ohio State Faculty Professional Leave (subject to OAA approval). In such cases, the 32% release funds will be used to fund a special assignment with no teaching that may be combined with a one semester FPL.

In addition to the release funds as indicated above, fellows will also receive \$4,000 in research funds to be used during the fellowship year (and no later than August 30, 2021).

TIMELINE

+ Call for proposals issued	February 28, 2020
+ Application deadline	April 15, 2020
+ Fellowships announced	May 15, 2020
+ Research funds released	July 1, 2020
+ Fellowship appointment begins	August 15, 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Three-to-four external (non-Ohio State) fellows will also join the cohort. For the initial pilot year, the GAHDT Advisory Committee will nominate the external fellows. Beginning in 2021-2022, a newly formed cross-disciplinary Society of Fellows Steering Committee will review faculty suggestions and determine the annual theme and evaluate external fellowship applications. GAHDT will create a portal for faculty recommendations for the 2021-22 Society of Fellows theme.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be submitted through the GAHDT website at globalartsandhumanities.osu.edu/sof.

SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

1. A current curriculum vitae.
2. List of the leaves and fellowships held in the past three years.
3. A one-page abstract describing the project (research, creative, public-facing) the applicant will pursue during the term of the fellowship (no more than 300 words).
4. Brief statement (1,000-1,500 words) describing reasons for interest in participating in the society, what specific contributions you would hope to bring to the cohort, and ideas for collaborative public-facing event on the theme.
5. Sample of professional achievement (or scholarship or creative activity) related to the fellowship theme (one published article, book chapter, or multimedia/video documentation of artistic practice).
6. A supporting letter from the department chair committing to adjust the applicant's teaching and service responsibilities during the fellowship period.

EVALUATION PROCESS

A committee consisting of the GAHDT lead dean, faculty director and four faculty from the arts and humanities will evaluate proposals.

CONTACT

Applicants may email questions to GAHDT Program Manager, Puja Batra-Wells, at batra-wells.1@osu.edu.