

# **SOCIETY OF UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS**

*2020-21 THEME: Human Rights — Pasts and Futures*

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**DEADLINE: August 1, 2020**

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## **CALL FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS**

Global Arts + Humanities' Society of Undergraduate Research Fellows is a competitive research program that provides 8-10 upper-level undergraduates the opportunity to be mentored through multidisciplinary approaches to the study of an annual theme, to build an intellectual cohort around the theme, and to produce research/creative responses to inquiries impelled by these engagements.

The theme for the 2020-21 academic year is Human Rights: Pasts and Futures. We invite current Ohio State undergraduate students (juniors and seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0) from all majors/campuses with an interest in the area of human rights to apply. Note that priority will be given to students in the arts and humanities or those bringing a humanistic perspective to their research.

Fellows will have the opportunity to learn about the human rights movement, the relationship between human rights law and culture, and creative forms of human rights representation and resistance. Whereas no formal prior knowledge of human rights studies is expected, students must be able to articulate a strong interest in the subject area as well as a research/creative project they would like to develop when applying for the fellowship.

**The fellowship carries with it a stipend of \$2,000. This award will be distributed in two payments of \$1,000 (in autumn 2020 and spring 2021) contingent on the completion of program requirements. This program does not carry formal academic credit.**

## **FELLOWSHIP PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS**

- 1.** Fellows will develop their own research and creative project and be mentored through the fellowship year by GAHDT Humanities Faculty Fellow, Amy Shuman, and Program Manager, Puja Batra-Wells. Fellows are obligated to meet with their program mentor at least once a month to develop their individual research and/or creative projects. (NOTE: Given the uncertain future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings may be modified to a hybrid or remote format, consistent with university mandates and guidelines and will practice all social distancing and other safe campus protocols.)
- 2.** Fellows must participate in a set of 3 orienting meetings (60 minutes each) in autumn 2020 that will establish a shared conceptual framework through several short readings to help structure their independent projects. Readings will be curated from scholarship on human rights drawn from the arts and humanities.
- 3.** Fellows must also attend and reflect on 4 public dialogues by faculty affiliates of the Global Arts and Humanities Society of Fellows (2 dialogues each semester).
- 4.** Fellows must present their research (either individually or in groups) in an end-of-year public event in collaboration with faculty affiliates of the Society of Fellows.
  - a.** A tentative timeline of research obligations: Initial research proposal due in October 2020; research outline due in early January 2021; midterm research progress report due in March 2021; and final research project due in April 2021.

# HOW TO APPLY

**NOTE:** To be eligible to apply, applicants must hold either junior or senior status with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

## SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE APPLICATION MATERIALS

All proposals must be submitted online, where applicants will be guided through the submission process for their proposal type. For more information, visit our website: [go.osu.edu/gahdt-opportunities](https://go.osu.edu/gahdt-opportunities).

1. An [online application](#).
2. A completed application includes the following materials:
  - a. A 2-page statement of purpose (750-1,000 words, 12 pt Times New Roman, single-spaced) indicating why you are interested in the subject of human rights and how participation in the Society of Fellows would benefit you. This statement should not restate information found in your resume. Answer the following questions when writing:
    - i. Tell us about yourself and the evolution of your interest in human rights, including any specific academic courses or experiences that have contributed to your interest.
    - ii. What aspects of human rights research interest you the most (civil and political rights, children's rights, climate change, cultural rights, education, disability and discrimination, land and indigenous rights, healthcare disparities, human trafficking, migration, immigration, refugees and political asylum, poverty, racism, slavery, LGBTQ+ rights, mass incarceration, etc.). This list is illustrative and not exhaustive so please feel free to write about categories that may not be included. Tell us why you are interested in this aspect or aspects.
    - iii. Please describe what specific research or creative project you imagine working on.
  - b. 1-page resume.
  - c. Advising report (a minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required). There is no need to submit official transcripts.

## TIMELINE

+ Fellowship call issued	July 1, 2020
+ Application deadline	August 1, 2020
+ Fellowships announced	August 10, 2020
+ Orientation for new fellows	September 4, 2020
+ Stipends released	autumn 2020; spring 2021

## CONTACT

Applicants may email questions to GAHDT Program Manager, Puja Batra-Wells, at [batra-wells.1@osu.edu](mailto:batra-wells.1@osu.edu).