

SOCIETY OF FELLOWS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS

2021-2022 Theme: Extinction | Imagination

DEADLINE: July 1, 2021

Global Arts + Humanities' **Society of Fellows Undergraduate Research Grant competition** is a competitive research program that provides up to ten 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 2021-22 academic year is **Extinction | Imagination**. We understand extinction as a range of existential threats to ecosystems, species, populations, cultures, languages and lifeways. As the world faces unprecedented environmental, economic and health related threats, and in a moment in which a global pandemic and global awareness of racial violence and systems of inequality heightens our awareness of fundamental interdependencies, the frame of Extinction | Imagination invites the exploration of these pressing issues within an expansive, cross-disciplinary framework. As such, this theme calls for a dual vision that attends to structural and embodied relations that contour extinction as well as the role of imagination in crafting sustainable and liberatory responses to these threats and systemic inequities.

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 this area to apply. Note that priority will be given to students in the arts and humanities or those bringing a humanistic perspective to their research. Students must be able to articulate a strong interest in any dimension of this subject area as well as a research/creative project they would like to develop when applying for the grant.

The grant carries with it a stipend of \$2,000. This award will be distributed in two payments of \$1,000 (in autumn 2021 and spring 2022), contingent on the completion of program requirements. This program does not carry formal academic credit.

GRANT RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Grant recipients will develop their own research and creative project and be mentored through the fellowship year by a GAHDT Faculty Fellow. Fellows are obligated to attend several group mentoring sessions during the academic year (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. In addition to attending group mentoring sessions, grant recipients must attend three of the Society of Fellows **Digital Dialogues** during the academic year. 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 2021; research outline due in early January 2022; midterm research progress report due in March 2022; and final research project due in April 2022.

HOW TO APPLY

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

All proposals must be **submitted online**, where applicants will be guided through the application process for their proposal type. For more information, visit the **Funding page** on our website.

SUBMIT ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

1. An **online application**.
2. A completed application includes the following materials:
 - a. A two-page statement of purpose (750-1,000 words, 12pt Times New Roman, single spaced) indicating why you are interested in the annual theme of **Extinction & Imagination** 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 this subject area, including any specific academic courses or experiences that have contributed to your interest.
 - ii. What dimensions of this theme interest you the most and why?
 - iii. 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	December 15, 2020
+ Application deadline	July 1, 2021
+ Fellowships announced	August 1, 2021
+ Stipends released	October 2021; May 2022

CONTACT

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