

**GLOBAL ARTS + HUMANITIES DISCOVERY THEME**  
**SOCIETY OF FELLOWS: GRADUATE  
TEAM DISCOVERY FELLOWSHIPS**  
**2024-25 Theme: CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE**

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**DEADLINE**  
**February 15, 2024**

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The Graduate Team Discovery Fellowship is a financial award given by the Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme to recognize the cross-disciplinary aspirations and academic accomplishments of graduate students in the Division of Arts and Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences. This program brings together a cohort of graduate students whose projects match with our Society of Fellows' annual theme — **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE** — and awards each student a year-long fellowship. The fellowship is open to students whose projects engage cross-disciplinary critical and/or creative practices as well as students who seek to foster the development of participatory networks with local Columbus communities. Graduate Team Fellows may be at any phase of their dissertation research or terminal degree project.

The Society of Fellows 2024-25 Theme, **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE**, reflects on how care and caring relations operate in local and global contexts. The theme foregrounds care as an interdisciplinary investigation. It approaches care as a cultural practice that alerts us to the ethical and political obligations that arise from explicit claims of harm and everyday requirements for nutrition, shelter, bodily integrity, education, health and social belonging. Care is a cornerstone of social movements, a survival strategy and a catalyst for social change.

Scholars, artists, activists and practitioners have turned to theories of care to analyze the material conditions and discourses that shape differential risk and harm and to recalibrate public responses to these conditions. At stake are newly imagined conceptions of obligation, sustainability, responsibility and justice. The Society of Fellows welcomes projects that focus on care discourses, aesthetics, practices and policies across historical periods and in different parts of the world — including projects that approach cultural heritage and cultural production as acts of care.

**CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE** understands care as a means of imagining more equitable and life-affirming relations. The Society of Fellows welcomes projects that examine socio-political and structural interrelations of gender, race, ethnicity, class, ability, sexuality and nationality as they relate to care and care as labor. The theme also engages the paradoxes of care economies and technologies as in the governance of care through ableist and punitive frameworks, such as the criminalization of addiction.

With **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE**, the Society of Fellows is particularly interested in supporting projects that explore care in terms of lived experiences through the vitality of the arts, culture and history. Community-engaged research and creative projects that operationalize collective care are also welcome, including collaborative projects with non-profit organizations, clinics and mutual aid networks, projects that focus on public education and public policy and proposals invested in disability justice, transformative access and cross-movement organizing.

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GRADUATE TEAM FELLOW?**

In addition to focusing on their own research (as mentored by their department faculty advisor), Graduate Team Fellows convene as a cohort to support each other's evolving research, to develop cross-disciplinary methodologies and to generate a collective, public-facing project (like a podcast, website or conference presentation). In this work, Graduate Team Fellows will be mentored by one of our GAHDT Faculty Fellows with expertise in cross-disciplinary arts and humanities methods and practices.

## AWARD CONDITIONS

The GAHDT Graduate Team Discovery Fellowship offers three consecutive semesters (autumn, spring, summer) of tuition and fees and a monthly stipend of \$2,535. The award includes travel and research support up to \$500. Support also includes payment of general/instructional fees, tuition and any learning/technology fee. Special fees, such as COTA, recreational facility, Student Union and study activity fees are not included. Graduate Team Fellows may not hold any other type of employment or appointment during the time of the fellowship.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a doctoral student or student in a three-year terminal degree program (e.g., MFA) in the Division of Arts and Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences.
2. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.6 for all Ohio State graduate courses.

## FELLOWSHIP OBLIGATIONS

The Graduate Team Discovery Fellowship Program requires Graduate Team Fellows to meet with each other and an assigned faculty mentor once per month during the semester to help advance cross-disciplinary understandings and to contribute to GAHDT. Fellows will be able to identify their own individual contribution to the team in consultation with the GAHDT-assigned faculty mentor. This contribution may include (but is not limited to) research presentations in a format of their choosing, the organization of related campus events or the creation of public-facing projects. Graduate Team Fellows are required to apply for extramural (non-Ohio State) funding during the fellowship period and will be guided through this process by a faculty mentor.

# HOW TO APPLY

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All applications must be **submitted online**, where applicants will be guided through the application process for their proposal type. For more information, visit the Funding Opportunities webpage: [go.osu.edu/gahdt-funding](https://go.osu.edu/gahdt-funding).

### Submit electronic copies of the following materials:

1. A complete curriculum vitae.
2. A brief statement (two single-spaced pages) that:
  - a. Describes the student's creative or scholarly project.
  - b. Specifies how much of the project the student has already completed.
  - c. Describes how the project engages in cross-disciplinary dialogue relevant to our Society of Fellows' annual theme: **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE**.
  - d. Describes the work that the fellowship will allow the student to complete.
3. A letter of support from the student's advisor that conveys the advisor's appraisal of the project's progress and cross-disciplinary significance, relevance of the project to the field of study, student's unique contribution and value of the fellowship to the student's overall graduate pursuits.
4. If the student's project involves a community partnership, it is highly recommended that the student provide an additional letter of support from the community partner.
5. A current transcript and/or academic advising report.

**NOTE: No ancillary materials, such as DVDs or CDs, will be accepted. Web addresses linking to ancillary materials may be included as appropriate in the research statement.**

## EVALUATION PROCESS + CRITERIA

1. Applications will be evaluated by a sub-committee of the GAHDT Advisory Committee, which is comprised of senior members of the graduate faculty.
2. The advisory committee will consider all the required information presented in support of the application. Evaluation will focus on the cross-disciplinary reach and quality of the research or creative project proposed; the project's potential to link with the Society of Fellows annual theme, **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE**, and the student's ability to undertake the dissertation or degree project within the fellowship tenure as evaluated primarily by scholars outside the nominee's area of study.

## TIMELINE

+ Fellowship call issued	November 1, 2023
+ Application deadline	February 15, 2024
+ Fellowships announced	April 1, 2024
+ Fellowship award period	Begins autumn 2024

## CONTACT

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