

GLOBAL ARTS + HUMANITIES DISCOVERY THEME
SOCIETY OF FELLOWS:
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
APPRENTICESHIPS
2024-25 Theme: CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE

DEADLINE
February 15, 2024

The Society of Fellows Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship program is a competitive award 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.

ANNUAL THEME: CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE

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.

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 the annual theme of **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE** as well as a research/creative project they would like to develop when applying for the grant. The program carries with it a total stipend of \$2,000. Funds will be disbursed in October 2024.

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 monthly group mentoring sessions, grant recipients must attend Society of Fellows Digital Dialogues during the academic year. Recipients must share a final public project that showcases their fellowship-related work in the form of a web-based deliverable for GAHDT's website (in coordination with Communications Coordinator, Breanne LeJeune and the Faculty Mentor).

A tentative timeline of research obligations: Initial research proposal due in October 2024; research outline due in early December 2024; midterm research progress report due in February 2025; and final research project due in April 2025.

HOW TO APPLY

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

Submit electronic copies of the following materials:

1. An online application.
2. A two-page statement of purpose (750-1,000 words, 12 PT Times New Roman, single spaced) indicating why you are interested in the annual theme of **CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE** 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:
 - a. 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.
 - b. What dimensions of this theme interest you the most and why?
 - c. Describe what specific research or creative project you imagine working on.
3. A one-page resume.
4. An advising report (a minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required). Official transcripts are not needed.

TIMELINE

+ Fellowship call issued	November 1, 2023
+ Application deadline	February 15, 2024
+ Fellowships announced	April 15, 2024
+ Stipends released	October 2024

CONTACT

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