

## Center for the Humanities Dissertation Fellowship, 2021-2022

### Guidelines

**Application deadline:** All materials are due **Monday March 15, 2021** for a Fellowship to be taken in the 2021-2022 academic year. If you intend to apply, please send a message to that effect to [humanities@miami.edu](mailto:humanities@miami.edu) by **Monday, February 15, 2021**.

**Award:** The Fellowship provides release time for one semester. Fellows will participate in a Research Colloquium, chaired by the Center's Director, for the semester during which they hold the fellowship.

**Eligibility:** This fellowship is intended for students who are in their final or penultimate year of their departmental funding. Those who will have exhausted their funding during the fellowship period are ineligible.

**Requirements:** In addition to participating in the Research Colloquium, Dissertation Fellows must submit a report on the work accomplished and its impact on the overall project. Any publications resulting from the Fellowship should include an acknowledgment of the Center's support, and one copy should be deposited with the Center. Fellows agree to attend the Fellows colloquium (held roughly every three weeks) during the semester during which they hold the fellowship and to provide a piece of writing from their project to be discussed at one of the sessions. The piece presented should be at least 25 pages and no more than 50 pages. In addition, Dissertation Fellows who still reside locally must give a short talk based on their project at a symposium of all Fellows during the fall semester after their fellowship. Any publications resulting from the fellowship should include an acknowledgment of the Center's support, and one copy should be deposited with the Center.

**Criteria:** A faculty committee will select the Fellows according to the significance of the contribution that the proposed project will make to the field and to the humanities generally; the quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the proposed project. The abstract should clearly state the principal theme and thesis of the project, and the longer proposal should indicate the conceptual framework and range of materials, as well as research approach or method.

### Application

Send one PDF with the following components to [humanities@miami.edu](mailto:humanities@miami.edu) :

1. An abstract of the dissertation (150-200 words)
2. A 3-page (single-spaced) description of the dissertation: Specify what has been completed and what will be accomplished during the fellowship period, and how participation in the research colloquium will contribute to the project)
3. A writing sample: Applicants must submit a substantial writing sample (7000 words or more) closely related to the dissertation. Although a **dissertation chapter is strongly preferred**, applicants without a dissertation chapter may submit another piece of writing closely related to the dissertation with the written permission of the Director of the Center. Applicants who receive such permission must include an addendum with their reasons for not submitting a chapter and must provide a detailed plan for the chapter they intend to write during the fellowship.
4. Transcript (copy of ACE)
5. Curriculum vitae (including publications and teaching)

Additionally, a confidential **supporting letter from the dissertation director** should be sent directly to [humanities@miami.edu](mailto:humanities@miami.edu).