

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
SOCIETY OF FELLOWS IN THE HUMANITIES
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Fellowship Announcement
2017-2018 Fellowship Competition

The Columbia Society of Fellows in the Humanities, with grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the William R. Kenan Trust, will appoint a number of postdoctoral fellows in the humanities for the academic year 2017-2018. Fellows newly appointed for 2017-2018 must have received the PhD between 1 January 2015 and 1 July 2017. The Fellowship Stipend for 2017-2018 is \$62,000. Medical benefits are provided, and subsidized housing is available. There is a \$6,500 research allowance per annum.

Aims of the Columbia Society of Fellows in the Humanities

The Society seeks to enhance the role of the humanities in the University by exploring and clarifying the interrelationships within the humanities as well as their relationship to the natural and social sciences. The program is designed to strengthen the intellectual and academic qualifications of the Fellows: first, by affording them time and resources to develop independent scholarship within a broadening educational and professional context; second, by involving them in interdisciplinary programs of general education and in departmental courses, often of their own design; and third, by associating them individually and collectively with some of the finest teaching scholars in the University.

The Society comprises the Fellows, the faculty members of the Governing Board, and other invited faculty. The Society holds weekly meetings to advance the intellectual and educational purposes common to the membership.

Fellowships

Fellows are appointed as Postdoctoral Research Scholars (Mellon Fellows) in the Society of Fellows at Columbia University and as Lecturers in appropriate departments at Columbia University (see list of Humanities Departments below). This one-year fellowship is renewable for a second and a third year. In the first year, Fellows teach one course per semester. At least one of these courses will be in the undergraduate general education program: Contemporary Civilization, Literature Humanities, Music Humanities, Art Humanities, Asian Civilizations, Asian Humanities, or Global Cultures, including those of Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. For more information on Columbia's Core Curriculum please visit www.college.columbia.edu/core/. The second course may be a departmental course, the design of which will be determined jointly by the Fellow and the Fellow's academic department. In the second and third years, Fellows teach one course per year, leaving one semester free of teaching responsibilities. The courses taught in the second and third years of the fellowship may be departmental courses or Core courses as described above; however, at least two of the four courses taught over the three Fellowship years must be in the Core.

Application

The Online Application Form can be accessed at www.societyoffellows.columbia.edu. Please follow the instructions carefully, noting that the deadline for submission of hard-copy materials is Monday, 3 October 2016. A select number of candidates will be invited to interview in January 2017. Fellowship decisions will be announced by 6 March 2017. Applicants who have not been contacted for interview by 9 January 2017 should assume that their candidacy is no longer active.

Columbia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Humanities Departments

Anthropology
Art History & Archaeology
Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race
Classics
East Asian Languages & Cultures
English & Comparative Literature
Film Studies
French & Romance Philology
Germanic Languages
History
Institute for Comparative Literature and Society

Institute for Research in African American Studies
Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality
Italian
Latin American and Iberian Cultures
Middle Eastern, South Asian, & African Studies
Music
Philosophy
Political Science
Religion
Slavic Languages & Cultures
Sociology

Information Sheet for the 2017-2018 Fellowship Competition

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Application consists of the following:

1. Online Application and TWO corresponding sets of hardcopy application materials.

Complete and submit the Online Application. Please note that the Online Application must be submitted in order for the corresponding hardcopy submission to receive consideration. In addition to your personal information, the Online Application requires submission of Microsoft Word or PDF files containing your curriculum vitae, a research project proposal (no more than 1,500 words), a writing sample (no more than 3,500 words; footnotes and bibliography may be appended), and a two-page undergraduate course syllabus of your own design. Once your online application has been submitted, please prepare two collated, corresponding sets of hardcopy applications, placing at the front of each set a copy of the printed Online Application Form. This form will serve as the cover page to both sets of application materials.

2. ONE \$25.00 application processing fee.

This fee must be paid *online* via Visa or MasterCard payment.

3. TWO letters of recommendation.

Recommenders will receive automated notification of your request and instructions for submitting their recommendations once you have submitted the online application form. Please be sure to follow up with your recommenders, as spam filters can interfere with the delivery of automated emails. You can check the status of recommendation submissions and re-send the automated notification to your recommenders by logging into your online application account.

4. ONE stamped, self-addressed postcard, if you wish us to acknowledge receipt of your hardcopy application materials.

On the postcard, please include the message: "Application to Columbia University Society of Fellows received."

Applications must be postmarked by Monday, 3 October 2016. There are no exceptions or extensions to this deadline.

Mail the Application as itemized above to:

Via Standard Postal Service:

Fellowship Competition 2017-18
Society of Fellows in the Humanities
Heyman Center, Mail Code: 5700
Columbia University
2960 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Via courier service:

Fellowship Competition 2017-18
Society of Fellows in the Humanities
74 Morningside Drive
Heyman Center, First Floor
East Campus Residential Center
Columbia University
New York, NY 10027

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Curriculum Vitae.** Please include the following information: name and location of colleges, graduate and professional schools attended, as well as dates of attendance and degrees earned; relevant professional experience; academic honors; publications; papers presented; and languages read, spoken, and written.
- 2. Research Project Proposal.** Describe the research project you will undertake as a Fellow, including its relation (if any) to your doctoral dissertation. **The project proposal must not exceed 1,500 words.**
- 3. Writing sample.** Please submit an example of your scholarly writing, **not to exceed 3,500 words (bibliography and footnotes may be appended).** Writing samples must be in English.
- 4. Undergraduate Course Syllabus.** Design a two-page syllabus for an undergraduate course—stemming from your current or proposed work—that you might teach during your concurrent appointment as a Fellow and departmental Lecturer.
- 5. Letters of Recommendation.** Letters of recommendation should come from two members of the academic profession who are able to state from personal knowledge your qualifications for teaching undergraduates and conducting postdoctoral research. Normally, one of these recommenders is your dissertation director, who, if you have not yet been awarded the PhD, is expected to provide written assurance that you will have the doctorate by 1 July 2017.
- 6. Interview.** Finalists are invited for a personal interview with several members of the Society's Governing Board. Invitations to interview will be extended by mid-December, with interviews occurring in late January. Applicants who have not been contacted by 9 January 2017 should assume that their candidacy is no longer active.
- 7. Frequently Asked Questions.** Please consult the FAQ on our website for more information.

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**Application Checklist
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Submit two **collated** sets of all items:

- Online Application Cover Sheet**
- Curriculum Vitae**
- Research Project Proposal**
(not more than 1,500 words)
- Writing Sample**
(an essay of not more than 3,500 words; a bibliography and footnotes may be appended)
- Undergraduate Course Syllabus**
(two pages in length)