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Mellon Humanities PhD Intervention Project:

Mellon Interventions Professional Development Support Funds for Public Humanities Engagement and Career Exploration for PhD Students, AY2022-2023

The Laney Graduate School and the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry invite Emory PhD students in the humanities and humanistically oriented social sciences to apply for **Mellon Interventions Professional Development Support Funds** for 2022-23. We are delighted to invite proposals to explore public scholarship, innovative teaching, and diverse career paths. Proposed projects should explore connections between students' humanities research and related work being done in the public sphere, particularly that which responds to a social justice imperative.

Applicants may request funding for up to \$2,500. Funds may be used to: (1) cover costs associated with travel to establish connections with professionals whose research, teaching, or work aligns with the public humanities (including attendance at conferences or meetings); (2) to obtain humanities-aligned competencies, leadership experience, or training that is not available at Emory; (3) to participate in an internship or job-shadowing opportunity on or off campus; or (4) to establish or continue an exploratory public humanities project with the potential to increase public engagement.

Proposed projects should follow the current Emory guidelines regarding travel. Students who intend to travel internationally should visit this [webpage](#) to learn about the latest guidelines and to submit any forms that may be required. We also invite proposals that involve remote activities. Please note that Mellon Interventions Professional Development Support Funds may only support public humanities engagement and career exploration for PhD students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. This program is not able to fund activities that do not meet these criteria.

Background

The context for this professional development opportunity is the Laney Graduate School's Mellon Humanities PhD Intervention Project, which is funded by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The project invites faculty and graduate students to rethink how we at Emory—more specifically, our humanities faculty and graduate students—might broaden the current paradigm of doctoral education, identifying, acknowledging, and incorporating competencies and skill-sets complementary to training for the professoriate.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Mellon Interventions PDS, applicants must:

- be full-time enrolled students in Emory humanities or humanistically oriented social science doctoral program at time of application and for the duration of the project
- be in good standing both within their specific PhD program and within the Laney Graduate School
- propose a project that does not extend past the graduation date of the applicant
- propose a project that will explore or establish: (1) connections between the applicant's humanities or humanistic social sciences research and related work being done or beyond Emory campus within the public sphere; or (2) diverse career pathways for doctorally trained humanists or humanistically trained social scientists.
- propose a project that has not yet begun; Mellon Interventions PDS will not fund expenses for activities that have already started or concluded before the notification dates listed below for Mellon Interventions PDS cycles.

Application Package

Each student should submit a full application containing the following items (prepare all documents below into **one single PDF file in the exact order listed below**):

1. **Mellon Interventions Professional Development Support Funds – Advisor Signature Page AY22-23** (available on the Mellon Interventions Funding webpage)
2. a **curriculum vitae**
3. the **project proposal**: this should explain how the proposed project fits into career planning goals, its relationship to the applicant's doctoral work, and how this fits into the aims of the Mellon PDS as described above. This proposal should clearly state what the applicant intends to learn or gain from this experience. Mellon will not fund typical activities that would fall under the purview of LGS PDS.
4. **project budget and timeline**: this should describe clearly the start and end dates of the proposed activity and include a clear documentation of all budget items with a summary table.
5. **[If the project includes an internship or job shadowing experience with a specific organization, whether internal or external to Emory University]**: the application must include a brief **letter from the host organization** indicating its support for the project.

Application Submission

Please submit your application package **as a single PDF file in the order listed above** to:

LGS.profdev@emory.edu. If your proposed activity begins before the notification date listed below for any given cycle, it is not eligible for funding.

Application Deadlines (Fall 2022)	Notification Dates
September 30	October 21
October 31	November 18
December 30 ¹	January 20
Application Deadlines (Spring 2023)	Notification Dates
January 31	February 17
March 31	April 21
May 31 ²	June 16

Please note:

¹Students graduating in Fall 2022 are not eligible to apply during this cycle and any cycles thereafter. Please note that if your proposed activity takes places after the anticipated graduation date, it will not be eligible for funding.

²Students graduating in Spring 2023 are not eligible to apply during this cycle and any cycles thereafter. Please note that if your proposed activity takes places after the anticipated graduation date, it will not be eligible for funding.

If approved: Upon completion of the funded project, the student will be required to submit a final report with the following information: (1) clearly describe or summarize the training, research, or work that was conducted and the skills acquired; and (2) explain how this funded project connected your humanities training, research, and background to the exploration of diverse career pathways for doctorally trained humanists or humanistic social scientists.

Questions?

Please direct any questions about the Mellon Interventions Project to: Michael Suh (mksuh@emory.edu).