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Mellon Humanities PhD Intervention Project

Professional Development Support for Public Humanities Engagement and Career Exploration for PhD Students

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 PDS awards of up to \$2,500 to explore connections between their humanities research and related work being done on or beyond campus in the public sphere and to explore non-academic career pathways for doctorally trained humanists. On campus institutions engaging in public outreach would include the Carter Center, Halle Institute, Michael C. Carlos Museum, etc. Beyond-campus institutions would include foundations, businesses, NGOs, etc. Funds may be used to cover costs associated with an internship or job-shadowing opportunity; travel to meet with professionals at specific organizations, institutions, or professional meetings; or to obtain relevant competency or leadership training not available at Emory. Exploratory projects with the potential to increase public engagement are welcome. These funds are distinct from PDS funds and will not effect your PDS balance.

Background

The context for this professional development opportunity is the LGS's Humanities PhD Intervention Project, which is funded by a four-year 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. For information about this initiative, see the attached overview of the Emory project as well as the attached report on the NEH Next Generation Humanities PhD Project.

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

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be enrolled in Emory humanities or humanistically oriented social science doctoral program at time of application and for the duration of the project.
2. Must be in good standing and have no more than one incomplete at the time of the application as well as during the award period.
3. Must have submitted reports on all previous completed PDS awards.

Application Procedures

1. Provide a brief description (no more than 1000 words) of your proposed project and explain how it fits into your career planning goals, as well as its relationship to your doctoral work. Outline what you intend to learn from the experience.
2. Provide a timeline and a budget for your project.
3. Provide a brief letter of support from your DGS or dissertation advisor.
4. If your project includes an internship or job shadowing experience, include a brief letter from the host organization indicating its support for the project. We highly recommend that students

obtain a letter of support from the institution(s) or professional(s) mentioned in the project description.

5. At the header, please note your year and program.
6. Submit as a single PDF to Michael Suh at mksuh@emory.edu. **Do not submit through the ADMIT PDF portal used for regular PDS applications.**

Application Due Dates: Fall 2020	Notification Dates
September 30	October 15
October 31	November 15
December 31	January 15
Spring 2021	
February 28	March 15
March 31	April 15
May 31	June 15

Approved Project Requirements:

Upon completion of the funded project, all students will be required to submit a report with the following instructions:

(At least 250 words and no more than 500 words):

1. Describe the training/research you received and the skill you acquired or research conducted.
2. Explain how the training or research conducted connects your humanities research being done on or beyond campus in public sphere to the exploration of non-academic pathways for doctorally trained humanists.

Please submit this report directly by a Word document or PDF file to Michael Suh at mksuh@emory.edu.