



## **Mellon Public Writing Fellowship Guidelines** **for the 2021-2022 Fellowship Year**

**Applications due: November 16, 2020**

Supported by the Mellon Humanities Ph.D. Interventions Project, the Emory Writing Program will award two graduate Mellon Public Writing Fellowships for 2021-2022 to advanced graduate students interested in community engagement and public scholarship. MPW fellows will work 15-20 hours per week for between 16 and 18 weeks with a partnering community organization during the fall semester and early spring semester before returning to campus to engage in dissemination (teaching/tutoring/presenting) activities for the remainder of the academic year. Fellows will receive a stipend for 9 months (September 2021-May 2022) along with a 100% subsidy for the Emory University Student Health Insurance Plan (EUSHIP). Travel costs to the organization site will be covered (to be reimbursed through the Writing Program). The stipend amount will be \$23,831, paid over 9-months, and the EUSHIP subsidy currently costs \$3,816.

The MPW Fellowship responds to recent academic calls to re-envision doctoral work by broadening our understanding of the activities that comprise research, teaching, and service in the context of the trend toward a more civically engaged university. Co-created community partner projects that seek to engage public audiences beyond academe offer graduate students an opportunity to develop expertise in community knowledge outside of the university. MPW fellows will partner with a community organization to develop and execute a writing project(s) that is mutually beneficial to the fellow and partnering organization.

Fellowship projects could include writing proposals for projects and funding; developing education and training materials; researching and reporting on policy or technology issues; collaborating on organizational documents such as annual reports, press releases, profiles, and so on; designing, developing, and contributing content to organizational websites, assisting with data visualization, interpretation, and publication.

Dissemination projects conducted during the spring semester may include contributing to a database of writing scenarios, prompts, rubrics, and datasets to be used in undergraduate courses, including first-year writing; conducting genre workshops for writing-center tutors; coaching writing-center tutees who are working on public scholarship projects; presenting about their fellowship projects to professional development seminars in relevant graduate programs, including the newly established Seminar in Public Humanities (GRAD 700); teaching one or more class periods in writing-program or English courses, such as ENG 380W: Writing in the Humanities, ENG 389: Introduction to the Digital Humanities, and ENG/QTM 302: Technical Writing, or other relevant continuing-writing courses; mentoring graduate students who wish to develop and pitch internships to the MPWF selection committee; conducting public writing workshops as part of Writing Across Emory (WAE), or the College's writing across the curriculum/writing in the disciplines (WAC/WID) program; conducting proposal writing for nonprofits workshops in conjunction with the Writing Center or the LGS Grant Writing Program.

Partnering organizations for AY21-22 is TBD.

We envision the Mellon Public Writing fellowship as an opportunity for students who have participated in the Seminar in Public Humanities (GRAD 700) to leverage their learning as they undertake a prolonged engagement with a community partner. However, having participated in this course is by no means a requirement for successful application.

### **Eligibility:**

To be considered for the fellowship, applicants must:

- be a full time student in a doctoral program, in good standing;
- be in residency the year of appointment;
- be willing to work as a full member of a diverse team;
- be in their 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> year of graduate study at the time of application; while students in their 7<sup>th</sup> year are eligible to apply, preference will be given to students in their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year who show that they are likely to complete their dissertations during the fellowship year;
- not have held an Emory completion fellowship previously

When applicable, the Teaching Fellowship replaces other graduate school stipend and scholarship funding a student may have been scheduled to receive for the fellowship year, and the eligibility for that other funding cannot be reserved to be used in a subsequent year. Fellows are expected to devote full time to their teaching and research and may not undertake other teaching opportunities at Emory or elsewhere. Fellows are eligible for Professional Development Support funds subject to the published criteria. Fellows who receive offers for other awards should contact the Laney Graduate School to determine whether the two awards may be held concurrently.

### **Application Procedure**

A complete application will include:

1. **A statement of purpose addressing the following three subjects:** 1) your long-term career goals; 2) your experiences relevant to this position such as course work, experience in research methods, and previous community engagement work; 3) why you would like to work with a community partner, and how this experience would enhance your professional development;
2. **A current curriculum vitae;**
3. **A copy of your Emory transcript** (a copy of an unofficial transcript issued to the student is acceptable);
4. **A writing sample** (preferably under 20 pages) that represents your best expository prose;
5. **A faculty letter of recommendation** assessing your abilities and promise as a writer, thinker, teacher, and scholar. The letter is requested and submitted as part of the online application.

### **ADMIT Submission**

All nominations and applications, including supporting materials, will be uploaded using ADMIT.

1. Go to <https://www.applyweb.com/emoryfel/index.ftl> and log in using your regular ADMIT net ID and password—or—set up an account with ADMIT first and then log in.
2. Select your fellowship from the drop down box and follow the upload fields. The application will not let you proceed until you upload all the necessary materials.
3. If you are applying for multiple fellowships, you must finish one application before you can begin another.

If you have questions about using ADMIT, please contact [LGS.profdev@emory.edu](mailto:LGS.profdev@emory.edu). You will need to upload the application items **as PDF files**.

**Selection**

Fellows will be selected by a committee of faculty and senior administrative staff in the Emory Writing Program on the basis of fit for the theme and scope of the position and the program, breadth and depth of experience, and interest relevant to the position.

**Award Notifications**

Finalists will be notified in mid-December 2020.

**Questions?**

For fellowship-specific questions, please contact Kathleen Leuschen at [kleusch@emory.edu](mailto:kleusch@emory.edu)

For online application questions, please contact [LGS.profdev@emory.edu](mailto:LGS.profdev@emory.edu)