



Black Women Writers and Intellectuals Fellowship **Guidelines for the 2026-2027 Fellowship Year**

Applications and General Fellowships Letter of Rec. Due: December 8, 2025, 11:59pm

Virtual Info Session: Visit the LGS fellowships website, when applicable

Rose Library is the home of the papers of many world-renowned Black Women Intellectuals, including novelist Alice Walker, playwright Pearl Cleage, poet Lucille Clifton, and editor Mari Evans. These women's research and writings span a wide variety of subjects and time periods, and their correspondence with many other intellectuals touches on issues related to black artistic expression, women's issues, identity and more. The graduate student in this fellowship will explore the myriad collections of Black Women Intellectuals at Rose Library, with the goal of developing an interdisciplinary curriculum and designing/teaching a course based on their research. Preference will be given to students with the availability to develop a course in the Fall semester and teach that course in the Spring term. Students in any discipline are encouraged to apply.

A virtual Information Session may be held via Zoom (see LGS fellowships webpage).

The fellow will receive a 9-month stipend (September - May) along with a 100% subsidy for the Emory University Student Health Insurance Plan (EUSHIP). The first stipend payment will be at the end of September and the final payment will be at the end of May. **The current fellowships stipend rate is \$30,243 paid over 9 months.**

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements below. The goal of the fellowship is to enhance the applicant's skills in using specialized resources in research and teaching and understanding of emerging issues such as digital scholarship and scholarly communication.

Eligibility

To be considered for the fellowship, applicants must

- be full time students in a doctoral program, in good standing;
- be in candidacy at the time of application;
- be in their 4th, 5th, or 6th year of graduate study at the time of application; and
- may not previously have held an Emory completion fellowship (exceptions include ORDER fellowships, PRISM fellowships, SIRE for the natural sciences, and some OUCP and grant fellowships).

Application Materials

1. **CV/Resume**
2. **Statement of Purpose to include:**
 - a) the library placement area(s) of interest and how the library placement area will enhance the applicant's skills in research and teaching, **and**
 - b) a brief description of the dissertation research, including progress thus far
3. **Application Skills Summary** (see later pages of this document)
4. **Letter of Recommendation** assessing your dissertation progress and your skills relevant for this position. The letter will be uploaded by your recommender into the LaneyConnect system via an email link you generate through your application.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST FELLOWSHIP (non-DTF) APPLICATION SUBMISSION: The LaneyConnect system will allow you to select your recommender and they will receive email notification of your request. If you already had a fellowship LoR submitted: the system will populate your application with your previously submitted LoR. Your recommender only needs to submit the letter once this year across all fellowships (only exception is DTF, which has a separate process). This means that your letter writer only needs to write one general letter of support and should not mention any specific fellowship (unless you intend to apply for one fellowship only this year).

Please note that the system will generally take between 1-3 hours from your submission to generate the email link to your letter writer. So please plan accordingly. All files (including the LoR) must be submitted by the posted deadline.

Application Submission

All nominations and applications, including supporting materials, will be uploaded using LaneyConnect <https://laneyconnect.emory.edu/manage/login?realm=&r=/portal/laney-connect-hub>.

The portal may not yet be active but when it is activated:

1. Select the appropriate fellowship from the list and follow the upload fields. The application will not let you proceed until you upload all the necessary materials. And it will not save incomplete applications so please be sure to have all materials and information ready to upload/complete.
2. If you are applying for multiple fellowships, you may select several at one time and submit all materials for the fellowships you intend to apply for (it will not save progress, however, so you must complete your session). Or you may access the portal later and add additional fellowship(s), if eligible, and submit required files for the new fellowship(s) selected (and click "Update" in the online form to complete this process).

In the LaneyConnect application portal, if the applicant has already submitted files that are standard requirements (e.g., transcript), they will not submit it again for a different fellowship. It will pull from the already uploaded file and be included in all fellowship application(s) that require this file. This means that students will submit standard files only once and can focus on documents such as the 'statement of purpose' which will be specific for each fellowship that requires this document. If you have questions about using LaneyConnect, please contact us at:

LGS.profdev@emory.edu. You will need to upload the application items as PDF files

Terms of Fellowship

Fellows who are awarded and accept the fellowship award agree to commit to the course teaching load or the general hours/week and responsibilities as described in the sections above. Fellows who do not uphold the requirements of the fellowship may have the fellowship revoked and may lose their funding and EUSHIP subsidy for the remainder of the fellowship term.

Please note that in cases where there are partner units involved, the fellow is responsible for responding to the fellowship director/coordinator in a timely manner and is expected to fulfill the responsibilities as outlined by the original fellowship call. If the student is unable to communicate and respond in a timely manner or is unable to fulfill those responsibilities, their stipend (and EUSHIP subsidy) may be withheld or the fellowship slot may be removed. In some fellowships, the fellow is expected to begin their role around mid/late-August.

When applicable, this fellowship award 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 funding cannot be reserved to be used in a subsequent year.

*This does not apply to smaller awards such as WiNS, Centennial, or ARCS Foundation awards.

All LGS fellows will be required to submit an intake form and an outgoing form as part of this fellowship. These forms will be shared by the LGS PDCP office sometime in late Spring 2026 and 2027, respectively.

Fellows who receive offers for other awards must contact the Laney Graduate School PDCP Office (LGS.profdev@emory.edu) to determine whether the two awards may be held concurrently. Please include with this email full details about the other award you may be inquiring about.

In general, external fellowship awards may not be held concurrently with LGS completion/advanced fellowship awards.

Please note: Unless indicated otherwise, **all** LGS fellowships require on-site in-person participation and completion. There are no remote options available unless explicitly indicated.

Award Notifications

Awardee will be notified sometime between Dec-Jan.

This notification period will also include students who were not selected for the fellowship.

Questions about this specific fellowship?

For questions about this specific fellowship, Helene Davis at Helene.davis@emory.edu.

Questions about the LGS fellowships application system?

For general questions about LaneyConnect, contact LGS.profdev@emory.edu.

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Application Skills Summary

Name:

Department:

Campus Mailing Address:

Home Mailing Address:

Home phone:

Work phone:

If you are applying for more than one placement area, please list the placement areas you are applying for in order of preference. _____, _____, _____, _____

Instructions: Please complete the following 4 sections and indicate your language, teaching, computing and research skills.

I. Language Skills
Please list foreign languages you have studies and rate your proficiency level for each.

	Reading	Writing	Speaking
German			
French			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

II. Teaching
What course(s) have you taught at Emory?

Have you taught courses at other universities __yes __no
If yes, what course(s) did you teach, and where?

Have you worked with undergraduates involved in research? Please explain the context of this involvement.

III. Computing Skills--Please rate your proficiency in the following areas/applications:

Application	Never Used	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Word Processing (Word)				
Other:				
Spreadsheet (Excel)				
Other:				
Database (Access)				
Other:				
Statistical Packages*				
SPSS				
SAS				
Stata				
Other:				
GIS experience				
Web Design				
Drupal				
Wordpress				
HTML				
XML				
Other:				
Other relevant applications				
Endnote				
Other:				

*For “Statistical Packages” that you have used, briefly describe your use for each one on an attached sheet.

IV. Research Skills--Please rate your expertise with each of the following:

	Never used	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Experimental research design				
Focus group research				
In-depth interviewing				
Oral history				
Survey design/analysis				
Statistical data (e.g. Census data)				
Editing				
Digital publishing				
Project management/operations				
Emory Library collections (indicate those you have used):				
Archival collections (print)				
Beck Center Collections				
Quantitative electronic datasets (e.g., ICPSR)				
Digital Archives				
eJournals				
Government Documents (non-US)				
Government Documents (US)				
Online databases (e.g., MLA, GALILEO, Information Gateway)				
Rare Books & Manuscripts				
Other (specify):				

For research methodologies in which you have expertise, briefly describe your experience with each one on an attached sheet.