2020-2021 Humanities New York Public Humanities Fellowship

Humanities New York and nine New York State university humanities centers announce the call for applicants for the 2020-2021 Public Humanities Fellowship.

The Public Humanities Fellowship was developed by Humanities New York in partnership with nine New York research universities to bring humanities scholarship into the public realm and strengthen the public humanities community by supporting emerging scholars. The year-long Fellowship involves workshops in the methods and approaches of the public humanities, mentorship and advice, networking opportunities, and financial support, all to bolster the Fellow’s development of a public project related to their own scholarship in partnership with a community organization or non-profit.

The skills and experiences afforded by the Fellowship are intended to serve scholars who have a record of working with the public as well as those who are starting to explore the public humanities. It is equally valuable for scholars who plan to pursue careers within the academy and those who plan to pursue other paths.

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- The Fellow is required to attend a two-day orientation run by Humanities New York at their New York City office on Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, 2020.
- During the Fellowship year, the Fellow will develop a plan to implement a public humanities project and work with community partners on that project.
- The Fellow will participate in workshops scheduled for December 2020 and June 2021.
- The Fellow will present the outcomes of their planning and public work to their university community in coordination with their humanities center and submit reports to Humanities New York.
• Individual university humanities centers may have their own requirements; please contact your university’s humanities center for details.

During the course of the Fellowship, Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in events sponsored by Humanities New York. Fellows are also eligible for funds from HNY to support the project developed during the course of their Fellowship. Throughout the Fellowship, Fellows should work collaboratively with HNY to identify community partners, explore public humanities methods and programs, and share findings as their project progresses.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be enrolled as a graduate student at one of these nine universities: CUNY Graduate Center, Columbia University, Cornell University, New York University, University at Buffalo, Stony Brook University, Binghamton University, the University of Rochester, or Syracuse University.

DURATION & STIPEND: Duration of the Fellowship is August 2020 to June 2021, including mandatory attendance at a two-day orientation on August 17-18, 2020 in New York City and subsequent workshops. The Fellowship stipend is $8,000, plus a $500 professional development fund. It also reimburses expenses for travel to Fellowship workshops, as well as providing the possibility for up to $2,000 in seed funding for Fellows’ projects. The Fellowship is supported by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

TO APPLY: Interested applicants should submit an online application, which includes a proposal statement, CV, and contact information for two references, by Monday, February 17, 2020. The online application can be accessed through Humanities New York’s grants management platform, found here: https://humanitiesny.fluxx.io. Applicants will need to create an account in the system in advance of applying.

Applicants will be notified of final decisions by Friday, April 17, 2020.
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LEARN MORE: By visiting the Public Humanities Fellowship website, http://publichumanitiesfellowship.org/.

ABOUT HUMANITIES NEW YORK: The mission of Humanities New York is to strengthen civil society and the bonds of community, using the humanities to foster engaged inquiry and dialogue around social and cultural concerns. Founded in 1975, Humanities New York is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is the sole statewide proponent of public access to the humanities. HNY is a private 501(c)3 that receives Federal, State, and private funding.