HRI Summer Faculty Research Fellowships

HRI’s Summer Faculty Research Fellowships are designed to help faculty at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign maximize the summer for research in service of their ongoing professional development. They provide an infusion of resources designed to jumpstart or fuel an ongoing research project over the summer months.

We are currently accepting applications for work to be undertaken in summer 2022. Four fellows will be chosen by an ad hoc committee organized by the IPRH Director. Two will be awarded to specialized faculty and two to tenure-line faculty.

All applicants must be PhD holders and have written EO approval (see below) to apply.

The deadline for applications is February 11, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Eligibility and Terms:
This opportunity is open to Urbana campus specialized and tenure-line faculty at all ranks in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. All applicants must be PhD holders. Please note that as the intent is to facilitate concentrated research during the summer months, this fellowship may not be combined with other U of I summer monies or appointments (for example, teaching or administrative appointments).

$6,000 in research funds will be deposited in the recipient’s departmental research account (to be used according to university policy). These funds may be used for travel and accommodation connected to research trips or for materials and equipment. The money may not be taken as summer salary.

The intent of the fellowship is to make these monies available for concentrated use during the summer months; however, fellows will have until June 1 of the year following the initial period of summer activity to expend their allocated funds. Any funds remaining at that time must be returned to HRI.

No portion of these funds may be used for food and drink. HRI must be prominently credited as a sponsor in any publication materials resulting from the HRI Summer Research Fellowship.

A report of activities undertaken with support of the fellowship, as well as a financial report of funds expended and for what purpose, will be due by June 15th of the summer following the initial period of summer activity. (For example, for a summer 2022 fellowship, the activity and financial reports would be due June 15, 2023, and all monies that had not been used by June 1, 2023 would have to be returned to HRI.)

Application Guidelines:
The following documents are to be sent in pdf form to apply-hri@illinois.edu by 5 p.m. on the day of the deadline (ideally, all but the EO form collated into one pdf, if at all possible):

1) 2-page cv;
2) 3-page statement of research (double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font);
3) 1-page work plan
4) **Signed EO approval form** from department head(s) or chair(s) endorsing the application and agreeing to the transfer and administration of the funds.

**Deadline:**
The deadline for summer 2022 Summer Faculty Research Fellowships is February 11, 2022 by 5 p.m.

**Selection Criteria:**
The applications will be reviewed by the ad hoc committee, which will make its recommendations to the HRI Director. The committee will be comprised of two tenure track faculty and two specialized faculty. Everyone on the committee will read and evaluate all the applications. The HRI Director and Deputy Director serve on the committee in an *ex officio* capacity. *Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:* the scholarly promise of the project and the applicant’s preparation to undertake the proposed research; the quality of the narrative proposal, including the case it makes for the contributions of the project to debates in the scholar’s field(s); and the feasibility of the work plan for the period of work projected.

Questions about the HRI Summer Faculty Research Fellowships can be addressed to Nancy Castro at ncastro@illinois.edu or 217-244-7913.