And the Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship

Call for Proposals

2020 Summer Residency Program for Ph.D. Students in the Humanities

Passionate Teaching in the Research Environment: Creating Narratives in the Accessible Classroom

July 6–17, 2020 at the National Humanities Center

Deadline: March 13, 2020

GUIDELINES

A. Residency Description

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere — with the support of the Director Barbara Mennel’s Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship — invites applications by Ph.D. students in UF’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for a residency at the National Humanities Center (NHC) for the period of July 6-17, 2020 (arrival July 5). UF’s Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere’s advisory board will select one Ph.D. student.

The NHC is a private, nonprofit organization located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This residency is part of the education programs at the NHC, which builds bridges between the academic world and the working classroom, addressing both classic and contemporary aspects of the humanities. Since 2015, the National Humanities Center has offered PhD graduate students in the humanities an opportunity to learn about and experience best practices in teaching and learning. Each year, a cohort of students learn how to create meaningful learning experiences for any level audience in sessions led by prominent scholars, master educators, and technology experts.

Interested Ph.D. students will apply directly to the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. After the selection by UF’s CHPS’s advisory board, there is no additional competition or selection by the NHC. The CHPS award covers the cost of tuition and lodging. There is no honorarium or stipend attached to the residency. The residency offers regular breakfast and lunch during weekdays, and some group dinners during weekdays, materials for the teams to create instructional resources, transportation to and from NHC during their stay, and housing.

For more information, please visit:
https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/education-programs/passionate-teaching-research-environment/

B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible, UF Ph.D. students must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences because the pilot program is funded by Director Barbara Mennel’s Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship (2014-2020). To be eligible, Ph.D. students must demonstrate a focus on humanities
scholarship and have to be in good standing. Per NHC, MA students are not eligible; however, “direct admit” students in a Ph.D. program are eligible to apply. Previous awardees are not eligible to apply.

CHPS uses a definition of the humanities adapted from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 as the basis for determining the eligibility of proposed projects.

C. Activities

The residency will focus on a specific pedagogical theme paired with an emerging instructional technology tool. The program will introduce Ph.D. students to learning science theory to improve their instructional design and lesson writing. In 2020 participants will learn how to support storytelling with mapping technology and how to create engaging and accessible activities for the undergraduate classroom using objects and artifacts. The program also addresses issues of equity in curriculum and classrooms in order to prepare participants for teaching responsibilities at any level of education.

Doctoral students will work in cross-university and cross-disciplinary teams to identify and solutions to an instructional challenge; identify a compelling topic from research and scholarship to develop instructional materials; develop classroom-ready materials for the undergraduate classroom; receive structured feedback on the practice and implementation of writing for a broader audience rather than an academic one; write, revise, and publish classroom-ready lessons in the National Humanities Center’s digital repository; and develop skills that are marketable and valuable for their job search at any level of education.

D. Deliverables

The UF NHC summer resident will provide a written report by September 1, 2020 and deliver an oral presentation as part of the UF Humanities Center’s 2020-21 Synergies interdisciplinary research speaker series.

APPLICATION

Submit parts 1 - 3 as a single PDF to humanities-center@ufl.edu by March 13.

1. COVER SHEET with the following information:
   - Name
   - Department and email address
   - Name of department chair and email address
   - Name of dissertation advisor, advisor, or graduate coordinator and email address
   - Year in program

2. NARRATIVE (max. 1,000 words for A-C) to include the following:

   A. Describe your research interest and/or project as it relates to the summer residency’s topic and explain the significance of your scholarship for the humanities.
   B. Clarify the particular benefit of this residency at the NHC for your immediate and/or future teaching interest in the humanities.
   C. Elaborate on your vision of how to work in a team.
3. CV (max. 2 pages)

4. Letter of support from a faculty member familiar with your work. This should be the director of the dissertation, if you have passed the qualifying exam. If you have not passed your qualifying exam, the unit’s graduate coordinator, a faculty mentor, or the Chair or Director may provide the letter. This letter should be sent to Dr. Barbara Mennel at mennel@ufl.edu by March 13, 2020.

5. CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere’s advisory board will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

   A. Potential benefit of the residency for the student based on the research interest and potential contribution of the Ph.D. student to the team based on research interests and project
   B. Benefit for current and future goals in the humanities
   C. Ability to articulate a vision of working in a team

The awardee will be informed by April 10, 2020 and the name forwarded to the NHC.

PROPOSAL ASSISTANCE

We invite applicants to write to the Assistant Director for Graduate Engagement, Dr. Kristen Galvin, at kgalvin@ufl.edu in advance with queries about the summer residency or award process.

An example of a previously awarded proposal for a National Humanities Center Summer Residency Program for Ph.D. Students in the Humanities is available here: https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00010939/00001