GUIDELINES

A. Regional Institute Description

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere invites applications by Ph.D. students in the humanities at UF for a National Humanities Center (NHC) Internship West at San Diego State University Library Digital Humanities Center for the period of June 15-19, 2020 (arrival June 14). This will be an immersive week-long workshop to train humanities graduate students to develop collaborative, public-facing, research-based humanities content using digital media. UF’s Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere’s advisory board will select one Ph.D. student. Scholars, university professionals, and public digital humanists work closely with the student cohort to produce a public-facing project. The 2020 institute, Podcasting the Humanities: Creating Digital Stories for the Public, will teach graduate students collectively how to create meaningful public scholarship in the format of the podcast. Workshops focus on storytelling and narrative aspects, as well as technical training.

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.

Interested Ph.D. students will apply directly to the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (CHPS). 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 a modest stipend attached to the institute. The institute offers meals, equipment and housing. In addition, the CHPS award covers the roundtrip flight and transportation from the airport (up to $1,000).

For more information, please visit: https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/education-programs/graduate-student-summer-residency-program/

B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible, UF Ph.D. students must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the humanities. To be eligible, Ph.D. students must demonstrate a focus on humanities scholarship and have to be in good standing. Per NHC, M.A. 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. Deliverables

The UF NHC regional summer institute participant 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, 2020.

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

2. NARRATIVE (max. 1,000 words for A-C) to include the following:
   A. Describe the significance of podcasts and their public reach for your scholarship.
   B. Clarify the particular benefit of this institute 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.

CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

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

   A. Quality of insight into relation between podcast, public reach, and applicant’s scholarship
   B. Benefit for current and future goals in the humanities
   C. Ability to articulate the vision to work 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 institute or award process.