Call for Proposals
Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2019-2020)
Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2019-2020)

Deadline: Friday, January 18, 2019

GUIDELINES

A. Grant Description

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, with the support of the Tedder Family Endowed Research Award in the Humanities and the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment in the Humanities, offers a funding competition for UF doctoral candidates working on humanities dissertations. This fellowship may be used to cover research expenses, including but not exclusively travel expenses, related to the dissertation project. Successful applicants will be called Tedder Family or Rothman Doctoral Fellows in the Humanities. Work on projects with interdisciplinary appeal is particularly encouraged.

We will use the definition given in the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 as the basis for determining the eligibility of proposed projects:

"The humanities include, but are not limited to, the following fields: history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, archeology, jurisprudence, history and criticism of the arts, ethics, comparative religion, and those aspects of the social sciences employing historical or philosophical approaches. This last category includes social and cultural anthropology, sociology, political theory, international relations, and other subjects concerned with questions of value."

The Tedder Family and Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities will be awarded to the awardee’s degree-granting department as a lump-sum payment of $2,000 to be used in summer or fall 2019 or spring 2020 in the form of reimbursement for travel, research expenses, or salary. The Center expects to be able to fund five awards at this time (two Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities and three Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities).

B. Eligibility

UF doctoral candidates working on humanities topics who have passed their qualifying exams by the application deadline are eligible. Tedder Family or Rothman Doctoral Fellows are not eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

Priority will be given to applicants who have not already received significant funding for this purpose from other sources, whether internal or external to UF.

C. Activities

Fellowships may be used towards research and research-related travel costs. Travel exclusively for conferences will not be funded. Those students who do not need to travel or purchase other resources
may apply for the award to be paid as salary, in which case it will be awarded as a scholarship. This award does not provide a graduate assistantship or a tuition waiver.

D. Deliverables

Tedder Family and Rothman Doctoral Fellows will be asked to provide proof of submission of an external grant application (including possibly postdoctoral fellowships) and to deliver a public presentation on their research in the interdisciplinary Synergies speaker series at the Humanities Center within a year of receiving the award. Tedder Family and Rothman Doctoral Fellows will also be highlighted on the Humanities Center Website.

APPLICATION

Please submit proposals as a single document through the online submission process at: http://forms.humanities.ufl.edu/. Applicants will provide the following information in the online submission form:

- Name of Applicant, Department/School and College, Rank, and Email
- Name and Email of Applicant’s Chair or Director
- Project/Dissertation Title
- Amount Requested is $2,000
- Abstract (100-200 words, written for a general audience)

The following materials should be uploaded to the online submission form as one single PDF in the order listed below:

1. NARRATIVE (max. 1,000 words)

The single-spaced narrative should address the following points:

   A. Name of dissertation adviser and expected completion date
   B. Description of the dissertation project
   C. Contribution of the dissertation project to the field(s) and to the humanities writ large
   D. The specific work to be done (or resources to be purchased or consulted) with the award funds, and significance of the proposed work to the dissertation project

2. BIBLIOGRAPHY of sources that relate directly to the project (one page)

3. CV (two pages including reference to external grants and fellowships received)

4. BUDGET of how award funds will be spent (whether for travel, equipment, software, or salary). The budget should include all expenses related to the proposed research/travel, and indicate which of these expenses would be met by the Tedder Family or Rothman Doctoral Fellowship. Include a statement about how any remaining expenses will be funded.

The final part of the application should be sent under separate cover:
LETTER OF SUPPORT from the applicant’s doctoral or terminal degree advisor. The reference letter should be sent directly to the Center Director, Dr. Barbara Mennel at mennel@ufl.edu by the same deadline.

CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

A. The significance of the dissertation project
B. The contribution to the dissertation to the field(s) and the humanities writ large
C. The significance of the proposed work during the fellowship period to the dissertation as a whole
D. The feasibility of the budget

Applicants will be notified by March 2019 regarding the status of their applications.

PROPOSAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants are advised to write in clear, intelligible prose for the Center’s Advisory Board, which is multi-disciplinary and composed of faculty members from across the humanities. Proposals should include reference to the major concepts, theories, and methods in the applicant's research discipline(s), and applicants should also specify why this funding will be critical to successful completion of the dissertation or final project in the humanities. Applicants should refer to the training necessary to their project, including reference to language fluency sufficient to complete the project when appropriate. Finally, applicants are encouraged to think broadly about how their proposed research advances large questions and areas of inquiry across the humanities disciplines writ large. For more information on writing a fellowship application, see the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere’s Quick Humanities Grant Writing Tips, the “Writing Graduate Fellowship Proposals in the Humanities” guide created by Dr. Mickey Schaefer in the UF University Writing Program, and the Center’s yearly humanities grant-writing series of events and workshops.

We invite applicants to write to the Director, Dr. Barbara Mennel, at mennel@ufl.edu in advance with queries about the grant process or to review a draft proposal. All drafts must be submitted no later than a week prior to the grant deadline.