

Call for Proposals

Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2020-2021)

Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2020-2021)

Deadline: Friday, January 17, 2020

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.

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 2020 or Spring 2021 in the form of reimbursement for travel, research expenses, or salary. The Center expects to be able to fund six awards at this time (two Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities and four 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. 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. 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 Dissertation Chair or Director
- Expected completion date
- 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. Description of the dissertation project
- B. Contribution of the dissertation to the respective field(s) and to the humanities writ large
- C. 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 (max. 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 information about how any remaining expenses will be funded. Please use the [Tedder Family and Rothman Doctoral Fellowship Budget Form](#) to submit this information.

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 confirm that the applicant has passed their qualifying exam. The 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 February 2020 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. The narrative should make explicit the applicant's expectations for the research. 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 Assistant Director for Graduate Engagement, Dr. Kristen Galvin, at kgalvin@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.

An example of a previously awarded proposal for a Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and Rothman Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities is available here:

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00010968/00001>