

Call for Applications

2024 National Humanities Center Ph.D. Student Summer Residency: *Becoming a Modern Scholar*

July 15-19, 2024

Deadline: Friday, March 23

The residency will take place in person at the National Humanities Center at the Research Triangle in Durham, NC.

After reading the applications instructions carefully, submit parts 1 - 4, as one PDF file to saraclassics@ufl.edu

GUIDELINES

- **Residency Description**

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere with the support of the Margaret and Robert Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, invites applications by Ph.D. students for a National Humanities Center (NHC) Graduate Student Summer Residency for the period of July 15-19, 2024. UF's Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere's Graduate Advisory Committee will select one Ph.D. student. The award will cover tuition, lodging, transportation to the residency, lunches, and several group meals. In addition, the humanities center provides accompanying funds up to \$100 for other expenses, in consultation of the CHPS office manager.

The NHC is a private, nonprofit organization located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This five-day, in-person residency will model best practices for undergraduate teaching in the humanities classroom. Participants will learn grant writing skills, engage with public scholarship, and discuss humanities-focused careers paths inside and outside the academy. Graduate student cohorts will learn from university professionals, and participants will also have opportunities to work with each other through interactive sessions and projects.

For more information, visit [here](#).

- **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible, students must be enrolled in a UF Ph.D. program, demonstrate a focus on humanities scholarship, and 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.

- **Activities**

The Graduate Student Summer Residency program focuses each year on a specific pedagogical theme paired with an emerging technology. Throughout the program, participants will work in cross-university and interdisciplinary teams to create instructional and professional materials for their portfolio. Sessions will be designed and led by established scholars in the humanities who can model innovative uses of instructional technology in their research and teaching. Workshops will provide participants with hands-on experience in connecting their own research to practice.

The primary goals for this program include:

- Training participants on the development of classroom-ready materials for the university classroom, including familiarizing them with the most recent research on learning sciences
- Providing structured feedback on the practice and implementation of writing for a broader audience rather than solely an academic one
- Developing and recognizing skills that are marketable and valuable in the job search
- Bolstering participants' CVs through selection to and completion of the National Humanities Center's Graduate Student Summer Residency program

Topics will include:

- Building Community, Relationships, and a Professional Network
- Accessibility Practices
- Best Practices for Crafting a CV
- Grant Writing for Research Projects
- How to Become a Public Scholar
- File Management for Research Projects

Deliverables

The UF NHC Ph.D. summer resident will provide a written report by August 15, 2024, and deliver an oral presentation as part of the UF Humanities Center's academic activities.

APPLICATION

Submit parts 1 - 4 through the online submission form at:

<https://forms.humanities.ufl.edu/nhc-phd-summer-residency/>

1. Provide the following information:

- Name and email address
- Department or school
- Name and email address of department chair or director of school
- Year in graduate program
- Name and email address of dissertation advisor, advisor, or graduate coordinator
- Compose a brief (100 word) abstract that includes your name, title, research interests, and a statement about your specific interest in the residency. Your abstract should use accessible language in the indicative present tense and in the third person. If you receive the residency, CHPS will use this blurb to announce your award. Examples of a short abstract can be found here: <https://humanities.ufl.edu/award-recipients/nhc-doctoral/>

2. Complete responses to the following three prompts (with up to 300 words max. each):

- A. Describe the challenges and opportunities of being a scholar and teaching in the humanities.
 - B. Reflect upon the ways that participation in the Summer Residency will support your own professional and intellectual goals or ambitions.
 - C. Elaborate on your vision of humanities-focused careers paths inside and outside the academy.
- 3. Upload a C.V. (max. 2 pages) as a PDF
 - 4. Request a letter of support from a faculty member familiar with your work. If you have passed the qualifying exam, this should be your dissertation director. If you have not passed your qualifying exam, your graduate coordinator, faculty mentor, or department chair may provide the letter. **This letter should be sent separately to Assistant Director for Graduate Engagement, Dr. Sara Agnelli, at saraclassics@ufl.edu by March 23, 2024.**

Awardees may not also hold a teaching assignment in Summer B.

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 the challenges and opportunities of teaching and learning in the humanities.
- B. Potential benefit of the residency for the student based on their vision of their professional and intellectual goals and aspirations.
- C. Ability to articulate a vision of career diversity.

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere will forward the awardee's name to the NHC.

PROPOSAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants may contact Assistant Director for Graduate Engagement, Dr. Sara Agnelli, with inquiries or to submit drafts of their application materials by March 16, 2024, at saraclassics@ufl.edu.

An example of a previously awarded application for a National Humanities Center Summer Residency for Ph.D. Students is available here: <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00010939/00001>

(Previous applications required a different application format.)