



## Call for Applications

**2023 National Humanities Center Ph.D. Student Summer Residency:**

***Creating an Accessible Classroom and Inclusive Curriculum***

**July 17–21, 2023**

**Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023**

**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 through the online submission form at:**

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

## GUIDELINES

### A. Virtual 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 17–21, 2023. UF's Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere's advisory board will select one Ph.D. student. The award will cover tuition, lodging, local transportation, lunches, and several group meals. In addition, the humanities center provides accompanying travel funds up to \$500 for either a plane ticket, gas per mileage, or a rental car and gas, in consultation of the CHPS office manager.

The NHC is a private, nonprofit organization located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This 5-day residency is part of the education programs at the NHC, which builds bridges between the academic world and the classroom, addressing both classic and contemporary aspects of the humanities. The residency will model best practices for undergraduate teaching in the humanities classroom. The focus will be on effective instructional strategies that can be modified for a virtual or a hybrid classroom. Graduate student cohorts will interact and 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.

## **B. Activities**

Throughout the program, participants will work in cross-university and interdisciplinary teams to create instructional materials for their teaching 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 their teaching. Workshops will provide participants with hands-on experience in connecting their own research to practice.

The primary goals for this program include:

- Working with a diverse team to identify and map solutions to an instructional challenge.
- Identifying a compelling topic to develop instructional materials.
- Developing classroom-ready materials for the university classroom.
- Familiarizing students with the most recent research on learning sciences.
- Providing structured feedback on the practice of writing for a broader audience.
- Publishing classroom-ready lessons in the Center’s digital repository which will be freely and openly disseminated with full citation to student authors.
- Developing skills that are marketable and valuable in the job search.

Topics will include:

- Open education resources (OER)
- How to build community and relationships
- Interactive teaching technologies

## **C. Deliverables**

The UF NHC Ph.D. summer virtual resident will provide a written report by August 15, 2023, and deliver an oral presentation as part of the UF Humanities Center’s fall 2023 Synergies colloquium.

## **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 teaching and learning in the humanities.
  - B. Reflect on the potential to connect your own humanities research to teaching practice.
  - C. Elaborate on your vision of how to work in a team.
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 Director Dr. Barbara Mennel, at [mennel@ufl.edu](mailto:mennel@ufl.edu) by February 10, 2023.**

*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 connecting their research to teaching practice.
- C. Ability to articulate a vision of working in a team.

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

## PROPOSAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants may contact Rothman Chair and Director, Dr. Barbara Mennel, with inquiries or to submit drafts of their application materials by February 1, 2023, at [mennel@ufl.edu](mailto:mennel@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.)*