

The Center for the Humanities

Oregon State University

2008-2009

Application for Visiting Research Fellowship Program

Following is a set of application materials for a visiting research fellowship in the Center for the Humanities. Minimum requirements include a Ph.D. in hand (by the January preceding the application deadline) and at least one year of teaching experience. Please note that complete applications must be postmarked no later than **December 10, 2007**. Awards will be announced by approximately **March 14, 2008**.

1. Name, Academic Rank, Department, and Academic Affiliation of Applicant:

2. Address, Office and Residence Phone Numbers, Fax Number, and E-mail Address:

3. Title of Research Project:

4. **Preferred Fellowship Period.** Please note that in 2008-2009 Visiting Fellowships will be granted only for terms of 1 or 2 quarters as specified below. You may rank the period in your preferred order. If you cannot accept a fellowship for one of these periods, please write No.

_____ Fall (September 15-December 15)
(Stipend: up to \$12,000)

_____ Winter/Spring (January 15-June 15)
(Stipend: up to \$18,000)

Please explain below any consideration or special situations concerning your preferred fellowship period.

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5. Have you submitted, or do you plan to submit to other sources, a similar proposal for support for the period you wish to spend at OSU Center for the Humanities? _____ (yes/no).
If yes, please explain:

6. References: Please list two people who will provide letters of recommendation for you. **Please enclose these letters in sealed envelopes, signed by the reference across the seal, with your application forms if possible.** At least one of your references must be someone not from your own institution.

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General instructions for items 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Start each item on a separate page. At the top of the page, list the item number, item description (Such as “**Summary of Proposed Project**”), and your name.

7. Summary of Proposed Project:
On a separate sheet, provide a précis of the proposed project in one page or less.
8. Project Narrative:
Starting on a separate sheet, provide a narrative of not more than four pages (double spaced) which clearly describes the research in detail. Please keep in mind that the final review panel is the Center’s Advisory Board, whose members come from many disciplines. Thus your proposal should make a case for the significance of this study in language that is clear and convincing to an interdisciplinary audience.

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10. Fellow's Contribution to the Life and Programs of the Center:

Please outline briefly on a separate sheet (1 page maximum) the ways in which you could contribute to the Center and to Oregon State University during the term of your fellowship. While the primary emphasis of this fellowship program is on individual research and writing, another purpose of the fellowships is to promote an exchange of ideas among fellows during their time in the Center, and to encourage interaction between the fellows and the community of faculty and students at Oregon State University. We expect all fellows to support and attend events and programs supported by the Center, such as our Monday afternoon lecture series. We expect that during the course of the Fellowship term, each visiting fellow will offer a public presentation related to his or her research project. We also encourage visiting fellows to consider other ways of contributing to the Center and the university, such as conferring and collaborating with Oregon State University faculty on projects of mutual interest, or forming a critical reading or discussion group for other Center Fellows and Oregon State University faculty.

11. Please attach a current vita of 4 pages or less.

Applicant (signature)

Date

9. Please submit **Eleven (11)** collated copies of the completed application to:

Fellowship Program
Center for the Humanities
Oregon State University
811 SW Jefferson Avenue
Corvallis OR 97333-4506

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Check List:

Please review your application materials carefully before sending them to the Center. Please observe the page limits. A completed application consists of :

1. Eleven (11) copies of the following:
 - a) Application form (pages 1 & 2)
 - b) Summary of Proposed Project (item 8)--1 page
 - c) Project Narrative (item 9)--4 pages
 - d) Proposed Contribution (item 10)--1 page
 - e) A Curriculum Vita--4 pages
2. Two (2) copies of the Financial Information Form. The review panel will consider applications on merit alone. The financial information form will be used after all applications have been ranked solely to determine that individual applications and the total of fellowships awarded are within budget.
3. Two (2) letters from scholars familiar with your work and the proposed project. A sheet of instructions is enclosed as part of this package. You should provide them with the instructions sheet along with a copy of your project narrative. **Letters are to be enclosed with your application materials in sealed envelopes, signed by the reference across the seal .**
4. *Application Deadline:* Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **December 11, 2006.** (*Sorry, we cannot accept applications by FAX or by e-mail.*)

The Center for the Humanities is one of Oregon State University's Research Centers and Institutes. The Center was established in 1984 as an outgrowth of the earlier Humanities Development Program that supported interdisciplinary courses and teaching. The Center's mission is to support scholarly research in the Humanities at Oregon State University, and to offer public programs growing from that research. The Center awards resident research fellowships to visiting scholars and to faculty members from Oregon State University. The Center also sponsors lectures, seminars, conferences and other events.

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Instructions for Referees

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(name of applicant)

for _____.
(year and term)

We would appreciate your opinion of the candidate and the proposed project. It would be most helpful to our review panel if you keep in mind the following criteria:

1. Does the applicant clearly define the subject of study, the problem at issue within this subject, and present an appropriate method for carrying out this study within the proposed award period?
2. Is the expected outcome of this proposal made clear, i.e., the publication and/or other presentation of the results of study?
3. What is the probability that this award will prove successful in enabling the applicant to achieve those results?
4. Does the proposal present a convincing case for the significance of this study?
5. What special qualities would the applicant add to the Center and the humanities generally at Oregon State University?

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Financial Information: Visiting Research Fellowship Program

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ -- _____ -- _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Citizenship: _____ Current Annual Salary: _____

Present Position: _____ 9-month appointment _____ 12 month appointment

List any grants or other funding awarded for time of requested fellowship:

Source and type of support	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List any sabbatical support for year of requested fellowship:

List any other institutional support eligible as matching: _____

Stipend amount requested from the Center for the Humanities: _____

In 2008-2009 the Center will award stipends up to a maximum of \$12,000 for Fall term (September 15-December 15) or up to \$18,000 for the Winter/Spring Terms (January 15 – June 15). For fellows coming with sabbaticals or other fellowship or grant awards, the amount awarded when added to other funding sources may not exceed the base salary of the applicant. *Fellowships do not provide health insurance or other fringe benefits.* The Center also provides travel expenses of up to \$750 for transportation to and from Oregon. Please attach any further information relevant to your request for financial support from the Center.