

## **Call for Proposals**

### **Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2017-2018)**

### **Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2017-2018)**

The Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere, with the support of the Tedder Family Endowed Research Award in the Humanities and the Rothman Endowment in the Humanities, is continuing its funding competition for UF doctoral candidates working on humanities topics who have passed their qualifying exams by the application deadline. This fellowship may be used to cover research expenses, including but not exclusively travel expenses, related to the dissertation project or the final project for the terminal degree in the applicant's field. Those students who do not need to travel or purchase other resources may apply for the award to be paid as salary. Travel exclusively for conferences will not be funded. Work on projects with interdisciplinary appeal is particularly encouraged.

The Center expects to be able to fund four awards at this time (two Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities and two Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities) and will give priority to those who have not already received significant funding for this purpose from other sources, whether internal or external to UF. Fellowship winners are not eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

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 awardees' degree-granting department as a lump-sum payment of \$2,000 to be used in summer or fall 2017 or spring 2018 in the form of reimbursement for travel, research expenses, or salary.

Successful applicants will be called Tedder Family or Rothman Doctoral Fellows in the Humanities, and, in addition to being highlighted on the website of the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, they 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 at the Center within a year of receiving the award.

## **Proposal Format**

The proposal should consist of a brief (up to three pages, double-spaced) description of the research project and its contribution to the field(s) as a pdf. The proposal should mention the specific work to be done (or resources to be purchased or consulted) with the award monies. In addition, please include a one-page bibliography (of sources that relate directly to the project), a two-page CV (with reference to UF appointments and monetary awards as well as external grants and fellowships received), a budget of how award funds will be spent (whether for travel, equipment, software, or salary), and a letter of support from the applicant's doctoral or terminal degree advisor. Please include the applicant's name, department or school, dissertation title, and expected completion date on the first page of the proposal.

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 [Fellowship Proposal-Writing Tip Sheet](#), 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.

An example of a past successful Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowship proposal is available [here](#).

### **Proposal Due Date**

Friday, 13 January 2017 by 5:00 PM

Please submit proposals as a single document through the online submission process at: <http://forms.humanities.ufl.edu/>. Reference letters should be sent separately by the dissertation advisor to the Rothman Chair and Director, Dr. Bonnie Effros, at [humanities-center@ufl.edu](mailto:humanities-center@ufl.edu) by the same deadline. This address may also be used for queries regarding the grant process or requests to review draft proposals (received at least two weeks before the deadline). Applicants will be notified in mid- to late-February 2017 regarding the status of their applications.