Call for Proposals

Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2015-2016)
Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (2015-2016)

The Center for the Humanities & 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, 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, related to their dissertation project or the final project for the terminal degree in their 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 2015 or spring 2016 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.

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. 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 and the “Writing Graduate Fellowship Proposals in the Humanities” guide created by Dr. Mickey Schaefer in the UF University Writing Program.

**Proposal Due Date**
The Center is soliciting proposals and advisor recommendations due Friday, 16 January 2015 by 5:00 PM.

Please submit proposals as a single pdf file by electronic attachment to the Rothman Chair and Director, Prof. Bonnie Effros, at humanities-center@ufl.edu. Reference letters should be sent separately by the dissertation advisor to the same address by the same deadline. This address may also be used for queries regarding the grant process. Applicants will be notified in mid- to late-February 2015 regarding the status of their applications.