

HUMANITIES RESEARCH CENTER

2010-II External Faculty Fellowships

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Humanities Research Center Mission

The Humanities Research Center fosters scholarly research and intellectual community in the humanities broadly understood, facilitates scholarly work between the School of Humanities and other areas of Rice University, and leads institutional change by partnering with other foundations, centers, research institutions, and universities. The Center strives to bring a dynamic element to research and teaching by developing "intellectual liquidity" within and between Humanities and the sciences, information and communications technologies, and the professions.

Furthermore, the Center serves as the nucleus within the University where the disciplinary changes that will shape its future can be profitably reflected on and anticipated. For a university the size of Rice, these collaborations – both within the university and beyond it – are crucial to stimulating innovation and new research. In short, the Center is an agent of intellectual integration, within and beyond the School of Humanities.

Call for 2010-11 External Faculty Fellowships

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The Humanities Research Center at Rice University will award up to four external faculty fellowships for one-semester appointments during the academic year 2009-2010. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$40,000 to \$50,000, depending on rank, as well as an allowance for research and relocation to be used during the appointment period. The fellows will teach one course affiliated with a humanities department, and will be in residence at the center during their appointments.

The fellows participate in the intellectual life of the center by sharing research activities through a brown bag series with other HRC fellows, or through a presentation or participation in a symposium or conference sponsored by the HRC. Applicants should describe how their research project would contribute to the intellectual community at Rice, including faculty research activity in the School of Humanities, participation in one or more of the HRC faculty workshops or interdisciplinary humanities initiatives such as the Americas Colloquium or Medical Humanities communities. For details, please visit:

- **Workshops:** <http://hrc.rice.edu/workshops.aspx>
- **Humanities Departments:** <http://humanities.rice.edu/>

Criteria for selection

- The promise of the specific research project being proposed.
- The originality and intellectual distinction of the candidate's previous work.
- The research project's potential interest to scholars in different fields of the humanities.
- The applicant's potential to contribute to the intellectual community at Rice and in the HRC.

Selection Process

Each proposal is evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee comprised of the HRC Faculty Advisory Panel. Applicants will be notified of fellowship decisions in late December 2009.

Application Process

- **Document Upload page:** <http://apps.hrc.rice.edu>

Applicants are encouraged to upload multiple files at our [Document Upload page](#) and are welcome to email materials to hrc@rice.edu (**subject: External Faculty Fellowship**).

Applicants are also welcome to send paper copies by mail or delivery.

- **Cover sheet**
- **Curriculum vitae** (limit 10 pages)
- 1000-word **research project proposal** and one-page bibliography. Please double-space and use 12-point type. In language appropriate for a multi-disciplinary panel of non-specialist readers, the proposal should
 - explain the nature and significance of the project, including its impact on larger scholarly communities within and beyond the humanities.

- include a brief history of prior research or planning, past support, and future plans for the project.
- describe the scope and resource materials of the research, the main issues to be addressed, and the relationship of the research to other published and ongoing work in the field.
- 250-word statement of project's **potential contribution** to Rice faculty research activity in the School of Humanities, to one or more of the HRC's faculty workshops or an interdisciplinary humanities initiative.
- A brief **course proposal** for a one-semester undergraduate course

Recommendations

Two letters of reference, solicited by the applicant and sent by hard copy directly to the HRC. The most effective letters show a detailed knowledge of the candidate's past work and address directly both the importance of the proposed project and the candidate's qualifications to pursue it. General praise is less helpful to the committee. Referees may be directed to our [Fellowships Referee Guide](#), which may be downloaded and printed from our website.

Recommendation letters must be received by the HRC by the application deadline. Consideration of letters received after that date cannot be guaranteed.

Eligibility

Fellowships are awarded to support research projects in the humanities. This includes, but is not limited to history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, religious studies, art history and the arts. Proposals employing humanistic approaches are welcome from the anthropology and other social sciences, natural sciences, music, architecture, and engineering.

Both junior and senior scholars with tenure or tenure-track appointments at colleges and universities other than Rice are eligible to apply. They must be at least three years beyond receipt of the PhD at the beginning of the fellowship term, (i.e. for 2010-11 fellowships, should have received PhD no later than **July 1, 2007**).

In the event that a proposal is not funded, the candidate is welcome to resubmit an updated proposal in any subsequent year.

Rice University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Scholars who are members of traditionally under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

There is no citizenship requirement or restriction for this fellowship. Non-U.S. nationals are welcome to apply.

Employment eligibility verifications requested upon hire.

The fellowship position at Rice does not provide medical benefits.