



# The Oregon Humanities Center

## 2010–2011 Graduate Dissertation Fellowship

The Oregon Humanities Center, in collaboration with the UO Graduate School, is pleased to offer a new Graduate Dissertation Fellowship program.

The goal of this fellowship program, modeled after the OHC Faculty Research Fellowship, is to provide the applicant with **one term free from teaching in order to allow full-time work on the dissertation.** It therefore provides:

- A \$5,000 non-service stipend
- A one-term tuition waiver
- An additional allowance of \$500 for travel or other dissertation support
- *When space is available*, an office at the Oregon Humanities Center during the term of the fellowship

### Eligibility Guidelines

1. **Full-time doctoral students** who have been **advanced to candidacy** and are conducting research for or writing an **approved dissertation in a humanities-related field** are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must be in the **final year of their doctoral degree program during the fellowship year** -- that is, they must expect to **complete the dissertation by June 15, 2011.**
3. **The student may NOT hold a GTF appointment during the term of the fellowship.** If the student holds a GTF appointment for the 2010-11 academic year, he/she will be required to give it up for the fellowship term.
4. **Research projects must be humanistic**, but applicants may be enrolled in any department, college, or school. The term "humanities" is broadly interpreted to include literature; philosophy; history; the study of languages; linguistics; religion; ethics; jurisprudence; history, theory, and criticism of the arts; and the interpretive aspects of the social and natural sciences and the professions.
5. Preference will be given to students who do NOT have another research fellowship, award, or training grant for the same academic year.
6. 2010-11 Dissertation Fellowship applicants are **not** eligible to apply for the 2010-11 Humanities Center Graduate Research Support Fellowship.

### Conditions

1. Upon receipt and acceptance of a Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, students must sign an agreement outlining their commitment to **make significant progress towards the completion of the dissertation during the fellowship term** and their willingness to adhere to all other conditions of the program.
2. Dissertation Fellows must enroll for between 3 and 16 graduate credits during the fellowship term. At least **three weeks before the beginning of the fellowship term** fellows must notify the OHC of the number of credits for which they will be enrolling, so that the OHC can make arrangements with the Graduate School for the tuition waiver.
3. At the conclusion of the fellowship term, the fellow must submit a brief report (1-2 pages) describing: 1) the progress made on the dissertation during the fellowship term; 2) any work still remaining on the dissertation, and plans for its completion; and 3) the role of the Humanities Center fellowship in facilitating the completion of the project. **This report must be submitted within two (2) weeks of the end of the fellowship term.**
4. Fellowship recipients must acknowledge the Oregon Humanities Center in any work resulting from research conducted during the fellowship period.
5. Fellowship recipients must notify the Humanities Center of any conflicts with the guidelines and conditions of this fellowship program. **NOTE:** If a Humanities Center Graduate Dissertation Fellow receives other funding during the period of the Humanities Center Fellowship, the student must inform the Center immediately. Depending on the nature and the amount of the outside support, the outside funding may have a bearing on whether the graduate fellow is allowed to retain the Humanities Center grant.
6. The Humanities Center will provide the dissertation fellow with **up to \$500** in reimbursement for books, photocopying, other research-related materials, or for travel to an appropriate professional conference or research facility during the fellowship year, provided it is related to the dissertation. **All fellowship-related expenses must be incurred and paid by June 30, 2011.**

For more information, please contact Julia Heydon at 346-1001 or [jheydon@uoregon.edu](mailto:jheydon@uoregon.edu).

# Application Instructions

The proposal should be written in **language that is clear to readers outside the applicant's discipline**. All margins must be a minimum of one inch and font must be 12 pt. or larger. **The proposal must adhere to the format and chronological organization outlined below, using the headings provided.** Please number the pages of the narrative. Proposals that exceed the specified page limits will not be considered.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Humanities Center Faculty Advisory Board consisting of faculty from various fields.

1. **Cover Sheet:** An official cover sheet with the required signatures. **Please note that the signature of the dissertation advisor and the department head are required, and must be secured prior to submitting the application.**
2. **A brief abstract of the dissertation** (250 words maximum) on a separate page.
3. **Narrative Proposal:** Proposals are limited to 4 single-spaced typed pages, including any bibliographic information the applicant wishes to include. Proposals should address:
  - a. **Conception and Definition of the Dissertation:** Applicants should describe the topic of the dissertation, explaining the **basic humanistic ideas, problems, or questions** to be explored. Applicants should make clear the relationship of the project both to their own future research objectives and to the work of other scholars in the same general area of the humanities.
  - b. **Significance of the Dissertation:** Applicants should explain the significance of the dissertation and its anticipated contribution to the body of research in the area of the humanities in question.
  - c. **Plan of Work and Methodology:** Applicants should specifically outline the plan of work, methodology, and schedule for the work to be completed during the fellowship period. Applicants should briefly describe any work already completed, the present state of the dissertation, and any stages to be completed after the fellowship period. Applicants should be as precise as possible about the activities they plan to undertake during the fellowship period.

Applicants must also **explain how they intend to use the funds available for dissertation support and/or travel and provide a preliminary budget.**
4. **Curriculum Vitae:** A *curriculum vitae* (maximum of 2 pages) must be included with the application. The curriculum vitae should include:
  - a. the applicant's education, including title of dissertation
  - b. academic honors or awards received
  - c. employment history
  - d. scholarly accomplishments
  - e. the names and contact information for **two UO professors** who are able to assess the applicant's abilities and the value of the proposed dissertation. **(Review committee members or Center staff may contact thesis advisor or other academic references as needed.)**

5. **Statement from Advisor:** A one-page statement from the student's dissertation advisor, explaining why the student and project are worthy of support, where the student is in the dissertation writing process, and how this fellowship will facilitate the completion of the project. **The statement must be submitted directly to the Oregon Humanities Center by the dissertation advisor by 5 p.m. on February 8, 2010.**

**Please note:** If the student plans to engage in off-campus research during the fellowship period, this must be explicitly addressed and justified both in the student's statement regarding the plan of work and in the advisor's statement.

## Submitting Your Proposal

Staple or paperclip the cover sheet, abstract, narrative proposal, and curriculum vitae together.

Submit this original application packet with **six complete, collated copies** (double-sided if possible).

The dissertation advisor's statement of support must be submitted **directly to the Oregon Humanities Center** by the application deadline.

## Deadline

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 by 5 p.m.** to the Humanities Center, 154 PLC.

**Questions?** Call Julia Heydon, Associate Director, at 346-1001; or [jheydon@uoregon.edu](mailto:jheydon@uoregon.edu).

## Attention

Students Receiving Financial Aid: Federal regulations require students to notify the Financial Aid Office as soon as they know that they will receive any educational resources so that necessary revisions to their financial aid package can be made. Such resources include a GTF position, fellowship, scholarship, or any other type of monetary award. Because receiving additional financial resources may reduce your financial aid award, you should contact the Financial Aid Office prior to applying for this fellowship or other type of support.

# 2010–2011 Oregon Humanities Center Graduate Dissertation Fellowship Application Form

## Cover Sheet Please type or print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID (950)# \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department head or school dean \_\_\_\_\_

Title of dissertation \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of dissertation advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Term: **FALL** **WINTER** **SPRING**

**Note:** Residency at the Oregon Humanities Center will depend upon availability of office space. The Center will attempt to accommodate the applicant during the fellowship term if possible.

If the project involves any of the following activities, please check. (*Approval is required before funds can be released.*)

animal use and care  biological safety (including use of x-rays, microwaves)  human subjects

To the best of my knowledge, this proposal meets the objectives, conditions, and guidelines of the 2010-11 Oregon Humanities Center Graduate Dissertation Fellowship program.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*In signing this cover sheet for the applicant's proposal for a 2010-11 Oregon Humanities Center Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, I indicate that the applicant meets the above restrictions; that this project meets the definition of "humanities research" detailed on page one of the application guidelines; and that I anticipate that the applicant will be able to complete his or her dissertation by June 15, 2011.*

*I understand that the Oregon Humanities Center will provide the graduate fellow with a \$5,000 non-service stipend, a one-term tuition waiver, and up to \$500 in reimbursement for travel expenses to an appropriate conference or research facility, and/or for other expenses related to the completion of the dissertation, all of which must be incurred and paid on or before June 30, 2011.*

Signature of Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Dissertation Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_