RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR UMBC GRADUATE STUDENTS
FALL 2016

Applications due March 15, 2016

The Dresher Center for the Humanities invites applications for two Residential Graduate Student Research Fellowships for the fall 2016 semester. Funding is intended to support and promote promising research in the humanities by graduate students at UMBC. The fellowships are open to all UMBC doctoral and master's level students working on humanities-related research projects that will culminate in a dissertation or master’s thesis. Fellows will reside two days a week in a shared office in the Dresher Center during the fall 2016 semester and receive up to $1,000 to be used for research travel, materials, or other directly-related research expenses. Fellows will present a session as part of the CURRENTS: Humanities Work Now series and attend the Humanities Forum and other Dresher Center events and workshops. After the fall semester, fellows will submit a summary of the work accomplished during the semester, as well as a statement on the progress made toward the completion of their dissertation or thesis.

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Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

• Quality of the proposed project and its significance and potential impact in the field;
• Likelihood that the project will benefit from the assistance of a graduate research fellowship;
• Evidence that the student has the necessary skills and background to carry out the work of the project during the fall fellowship term, and is a student in good standing who is making adequate progress towards the degree;
• Likelihood that the dissertation or thesis will move significantly toward completion during the term of the fellowship or shortly thereafter;
• All proposals must have the recommendation of the student’s department Chair and a ranking from the Chair if there is more than one proposal from the department.

Application: Please submit the following:

1. A cover sheet with your name, your academic department, the name of your research advisor, and a short title for your research project.
2. No more than three double-spaced pages discussing the humanities focus and intellectual significance of your project, the methodology, your ability to undertake the project, and the part or stage of the project that will be supported by the fellowship.
3. Your current C.V. of no more than two single-spaced pages.
4. A letter of support from your research advisor.
5. A one-page description of the research that will be conducted during the semester.

Application materials should be submitted by email, no later than March 15, 2016, to Dr. Jessica Berman, Director, Dresher Center for the Humanities (jberman@umbc.edu), and cc’d to Ms. Natalia Panfile, Dresher Center Program Management Specialist (natalia.panfile@umbc.edu).