

DRESHER CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES/CAHSS SUMMER FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (SFRF)

The Dresher Center for the Humanities and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS) invites applications for Summer Faculty Research Fellowships (SFRF). Funding is intended to support and promote significant humanities research at UMBC. Dresher Center Summer Research Fellows will receive support for summer research and assistance in developing extramural funding applications, book proposals, and grant project applications. Funds may also be used for the completion of a book manuscript, a major article, or a project of similar stature.

The Dresher Center welcomes proposals from all full-time, tenure-track faculty pursuing humanities research in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Applications are especially encouraged from, but not limited to, full-time faculty with appointments in the humanities disciplines. Three awards are available; at least one must be used for preparing to apply for external funding. Proposals will be reviewed by the Dresher Center Advisory Board.

Candidates may apply as individuals or groups. Fellows or groups of fellows will receive a total of \$6,000 during the summer of 2018 to support their research and proposal writing. Support will be provided as summer stipends or as research funds, payable through the fellow's home department. Groups should identify one faculty member to take the lead in communicating with and reporting to the Dresher Center.

At the beginning of the semester, fellows must submit to the Dresher Center an application for external funding or for the publication of a major project. Center staff will then make suggestions for revision and assist fellows in targeting the project toward appropriate funders/publishers prior to the final routing and submission of the proposal off campus. Fellows should alert Dresher staff to any external submission deadlines, particularly those in the fall.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposed project and its significance in the field;
- Likelihood that the project will benefit from SFRF assistance, i.e., that the grant application will attract external support, that the book will find a publisher, or that the project will be completed;
- Evidence that applicants have sought out the appropriate external grant sources or have initiated contact with appropriate publishers or funders;
- Likelihood that a proposal for funding will be successfully developed within the summer of the fellowship and/or that the project will move significantly toward publication;
- Evidence that faculty members are qualified to carry out the work of the project during the summer fellowship term, are active and productive researchers in their field, and have the necessary skills and background to compete successfully for extramural funding and/or publication;
- A recommendation for the proposal from the faculty member's department chair (or chairs in the case of a group submission) and, in the case of multiple submissions, a ranking of the proposals.

Funds supporting this initiative are provided by the Dresher Center for the Humanities, the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Application: Interested faculty should use the attached application form to describe the humanities focus and intellectual significance of their project, discuss the methodology and their ability to undertake the project, clarify the part or stage of the project that will be supported by the fellowship, specify any plans for submission of a proposal for extramural funding or for publication (listing the potential funders or publishers), and list the submission dates specified by the external funder or publisher.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION PAGE AND PROPOSAL

Requirements:

- Adobe Acrobat 8.0 or higher (Reader or Pro)
- Internet-connected computer or device

The completed application and proposal should be sent to dreshercenter@umbc.edu.

The proposal should be single-spaced, with one-inch margins, using a 12-point font, and formatted in Microsoft Word (.doc) or PDF (.pdf). The complete application, along with the Chair's email recommendation and ranking, must be received by **February 15, 2018**.

The proposal must include:

TITLE PAGE: Title of proposal, name(s) and department(s) of applicant(s).

SUMMARY (150 words or less): This should be written in non-technical language. Please keep in mind that all reviewers may not be experts in your field.

TEXT (maximum three single-spaced pages; proposal narratives exceeding three (3) pages will not be considered):

- Include a clear and concise statement of the specific aims and intellectual significance of the proposed project, including a statement about its humanities focus.
- Explain how the project will complement, challenge, or expand relevant studies in the field.
- Describe the research method(s) and clarify the part or stage of the project that the fellowship will support.
- Provide a statement about the ability of the individual or group to undertake the proposed work and compete successfully for extramural funding and/or publication.
- Describe the intended audience and the intended results of the project. Explain how the results will be disseminated and why these means are appropriate to the subject matter and audience.

FUNDING OR PUBLICATION POTENTIAL: Include a short objective discussion (of not more than two paragraphs in length) of the final proposal's potential for attracting external funding, including targeted funding source(s), and/or the likelihood of its publication, including publication venues. Explain why each potential funding source or publisher would be appropriate for this proposal. Provide a web link to the funding source's grant/fellowship description or the publisher's submission guidelines.

BIBLIOGRAPHY (maximum one single-spaced page)

YOUR C.V. (abridged to focus on research and scholarly accomplishments; not to exceed two single-spaced pages). Group applications must include a C.V. from each member.

For more information contact:

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SUMMER FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SFRF) APPLICATION FORM

Due Date: February 15, 2018

TITLE OF SUMMER 2018 PROPOSAL:	
NAME (INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP LEADER):	
ACADEMIC TITLE:	DEPARTMENT:
DATE OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT AT UMBC:	
HIGHEST DEGREE:	YEAR AWARDED:
CAMPUS MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
PREVIOUS DRESHER CENTER SUPPORT AND DATES:	
PREVIOUS (PAST FIVE YEARS) START, SURff or SFRF SUPPORT AND DATES:	
OTHER CONCURRENT SUMMER 2018 SUPPORT OR PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR? (check) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please specify source (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> UMBC START <input type="checkbox"/> UMBC SURFF <input type="checkbox"/> CIRCA/CAHSS SFRF <input type="checkbox"/> IIRC/CAHSS SFRF <input type="checkbox"/> MIPAR/CAHSS SFRF Other:	

If awarded a DRESHER CENTER FACULTY FELLOWSHIP, applicants will:

1. Develop a grant proposal for external funding, an extramural fellowship application, a book proposal or complete a book manuscript, a major article, or a project of similar stature. This proposal or project should be submitted to the Dresher Center at the beginning of the semester, with external submission deadlines noted.
2. After receiving feedback any proposals for extramural funding should be revised, if appropriate, and submitted to OSP and the appropriate funding agencies or publishers as soon as practical, but prior to the next deadline for applications to the funding agency. The Summer Faculty Research Fellowship funds will be paid in two increments, the first at the beginning of the summer and the second after the proposal has been submitted to the Dresher Center.

I have read and accept the conditions under which this fellowship will be awarded (type name and date):

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT _____ DATE _____
For a group application, type name of lead applicant.

Please indicate below that the Department Chair has reviewed the application and is sending an email recommendation (and ranking if appropriate) to Jessica Berman, Dresher Center Director, at jberman@umbc.edu by February 15, 2018. If there is more than one proposal from the department, the Chair should include a ranking of the proposals. The application will not be considered unless all parts have been received by the due date. I have read and accept the conditions under which this Fellowship will be awarded and support this application.

I foresee no department responsibilities that will keep this applicant from completing the Fellowship work described above.

DEPT. CHAIR REVIEW Yes