



**DRESHER CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FOR LECTURERS AND ADJUNCT FACULTY**

The Dresher Center for the Humanities invites applications for Dresher Center Summer Fellowship for Lecturers and Adjuncts. Funding is intended to support and promote significant humanities research at UMBC. The Dresher Center Summer Fellow will receive support for summer research at any stage of a major project, such as advancement of a book manuscript, an article, a web resource, a book proposal, or a project of similar stature.

Funding may also be used to develop extramural funding applications, including grant and fellowship applications, and book proposals. Proposals are welcome from all lecturers and adjunct faculty pursuing humanities research in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, whether employed full- or part-time. Adjunct faculty must be teaching at UMBC at the time of application with the expectation that they will also teach at UMBC in the academic semester or year following summer funding. Proposals will be reviewed by the Dresher Center Advisory Board.

One Dresher Center Summer Fellowship will be awarded to an individual or group, with a total remuneration of \$6,000 for use in summer 2022. Funds supporting this initiative are provided by the Dresher Center for the Humanities Endowment.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2022

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 the fellowship support, 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).

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 Pro or Reader
- 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 .docx) or PDF (.pdf). The complete application, along with the Chair's email recommendation must be received by **February 15, 2022**.

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 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). A group application must include a C.V. from each member.

For more information contact:

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Dresher Center for the Humanities

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APPLICATION FORM

Due Date: February 15, 2022

TITLE OF SUMMER 2022 PROPOSAL:	
NAME (INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP LEADER):	
ACADEMIC TITLE:	DEPARTMENT:
DATE OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT AT UMBC:	
HIGHEST DEGREE:	YEAR EARNED:
CAMPUS MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
PREVIOUS DRESHER CENTER SUPPORT AND DATES:	

If awarded a DRESHER CENTER SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, applicant/s will:

1. Develop a book proposal, or advance a book manuscript, or develop a grant proposal for external funding, an extramural fellowship application, 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 any external submission deadlines noted. The Dresher Center director will provide feedback. After receiving feedback any proposals for extramural funding should be revised, if appropriate. The fellow should then consult with Rachel Brubaker, Dresher Center assistant director, for guidance on next steps for preparing a funding application. Other materials should be revised and submitted to the publisher/s or other relevant entity as soon as practical to advance the project toward completion.
2. The Summer 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 _____

Please indicate below that the Department Chair has reviewed the application and is sending an email recommendation to Denise Meringolo, Dresher Center Director, at ddm@umbc.edu by February 15, 2022. The application will not be considered unless all parts have been received by the due date.

A check in the box below affirms that the chair has read and accepts the conditions under which this Fellowship will be awarded and supports this application and that the chair foresees no department responsibilities that will keep this applicant from completing the Fellowship work described above.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR REVIEW YES