



DRESHER CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES/CAHSS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

The Dresher Center for the Humanities, in conjunction with the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), and the Vice President for Research, invites applications for Dresher Center Summer Fellowships. Funding is intended to support and promote significant humanities research at UMBC. Dresher Center Summer Fellows will receive support for summer research and the advancement of a book manuscript, a major article, or a project of similar stature.

Funding may also be used for assistance in developing extramural funding applications, book proposals, and grant project applications. Proposals are welcome from all full-time, tenured or tenure-track UMBC faculty as well as full-time professors of the practice pursuing humanities research in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Proposals will be reviewed by the Dresher Center Advisory Board.

Dresher Center Summer Fellows (individuals or groups) will receive \$6,000 per award. Between one and three fellowships will be awarded. 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 Deadline: February 15, 2024

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. A letter of support from your department chair should be sent to dreshercenter@umbc.edu.

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, 2024**.

The proposal must include the following:

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.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- 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 us at dreshercenter@umbc.edu.

DRESHER CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES/CAHSS SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Due Date: February 15, 2024

PROPOSAL TITLE:	
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, CAHSS Center SFRF, CAHSS fellowship, or sabbatical SUPPORT AND DATES:	
<p>OTHER CONCURRENT FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT OR PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR? (check) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please specify source (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> UMBC START <input type="checkbox"/> CAHSS fellowship Other: _____</p>	

If awarded a DRESHER CENTER SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, applicants 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. Other materials should be revised and submitted to the publisher/s or other relevant entities 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 your Department Chair has reviewed this application and is sending via a separate email a paragraph-long recommendation to dreshercenter@umbc.edu by the application due date (February 15, 2024).

DEPARTMENT CHAIR REVIEW ☐ Yes

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.