



# Dresher Center FOR THE HUMANITIES

## **CFP: GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

The Dresher Center for the Humanities invites applications for two Residential Graduate Student Research Fellowships for Academic Year 2025-26. One fellowship will be for fall 2025 and one for spring 2026. 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 receive a \$1,500 stipend, as well as up to \$1,500 to be used for research travel, materials, or other directly-related research expenses. They 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. The Dresher Center will allow fellows to work in Center office space, as available.

After the fellowship 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.

**Application deadline for Fall 2025: April 15, 2025**

**Application deadline for Spring 2026: November 15, 2025**

### **Application:**

Interested graduate students should use the attached application form to describe the humanities focus and intellectual significance of their project; 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 project work during the fellowship term, and is a student in good standing who is making adequate progress towards the degree; and likelihood that the dissertation or thesis will move significantly toward completion during the fellowship term or shortly thereafter.

A letter of support from the student's research advisor should be sent to [dreshercenter@umbc.edu](mailto:dreshercenter@umbc.edu)

## DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION 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](mailto: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 advisor's email recommendation must be received by the following deadlines: **April 15, 2025** for **Fall 2025**; and **November 15, 2025** for **Spring 2026**.

The proposal must include the following:

**TITLE PAGE:** Title of proposal and applicant's name and department

**SUMMARY:** (150 words or less) The summary 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 student to carry out the project work during the fellowship term, and is in good standing who is making adequate progress towards the degree;
- Likelihood that the dissertation or thesis will move significantly toward completion during the fellowship term or shortly thereafter.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY** (maximum one single-spaced page)

**YOUR C.V.** (abridged to focus on research and scholarly accomplishments; not to exceed two single – spaced pages).

For more information, contact us at [dreshercenter@umbc.edu](mailto:dreshercenter@umbc.edu).

**DRESHER CENTER GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

REQUESTED FELLOWSHIP TERM (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FALL 2025</b> <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SPRING 2026</b> Fall semester applications are due on <u>April 15, 2025</u> . Spring semester applications are due on <u>November 15, 2025</u> .	
PROPOSAL TITLE:	
NAME:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	DEPARTMENT:
NAME OF RESEARCH ADVISOR:	

If awarded a DRESHER CENTER GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP, applicants will:

1. Conduct a works-in-progress session during the semester on the work that has been accomplished on their project during the term of the fellowship.
2. During the semester in residence, fellows will also be expected to participate actively in Dresher Center programs, including CURRENTS: Humanities Work Now sessions, and at least two Humanities Forum events. A short report on fellowship activity will be due to the director within 3 months of completion of the fellowship.

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 Research Advisor has reviewed this application and is sending via a separate email a paragraph-long recommendation to [dreshercenter@umbc.edu](mailto:dreshercenter@umbc.edu) by the application due date (April 15, 2025 for Fall 2025, or November 15, 2025 for Spring 2026).

**RESEARCH ADVISOR REVIEW**  Yes

I have read and accept the conditions under which this Fellowship will be awarded and support this application.