



CFP: RESIDENTIAL FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

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 four Residential Faculty Research Fellowships in Academic Year 2026-27. Dresher Center fellowships offer the gift of time, space, and collegial conversation within a robust humanities center environment which will, in turn, enhance the UMBC conversation surrounding inclusive excellence.

Funding is intended to support and promote significant humanities research at UMBC. Dresher Center Residential Research Fellows will reside at least two days a week in the Dresher Center and receive a release from teaching (up to two course releases) to work on a significant humanities research project or the training necessary to embark on such a project. Faculty wishing to develop expertise in a new field or discipline towards a future project are also encouraged to apply. Each Fellow will have the use of an office in the Dresher Center and will be awarded \$750 to hire an undergraduate research assistant (junior or senior) for the semester. Faculty fellows will be encouraged to connect to and share their work with each other and with the graduate student fellows connected to the Center.

Fellows will conduct two research works-in-progress sessions during their semester in residence. The first will be a seminar where the fellow will share a piece of written work produced while in residence with an interdisciplinary group of faculty the fellow selects for discussion. The second will be a session for the CURRENTS: Humanities Work Now series on the work that has been accomplished during the semester. Fellows will also participate actively in Dresher Center programs during their term of residency, including attendance at other CURRENTS sessions, and at least two Humanities Forum events. A short report on fellowship activity will be due to the director within three months of completion of the fellowship. Residential faculty fellows will be considered fellows of the Dresher Center for as long as they are on the faculty of UMBC. After their semester in residence, they will be invited to serve a two-year term on the Dresher Center Advisory Board and remain active participants in Dresher Center programs.

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. Four fellowships are available annually (two per semester). Applicants should mark on the application form whether they are applying for **Fall 2026** or **Spring 2027**. Proposals will be reviewed by the Dresher Center Advisory Board, with decisions on Fall semester fellowships by mid-January and decisions on Spring semester fellowships by late June.

Application deadline for Fall 2026: November 17, 2025

Application deadline for Spring 2027: April 15, 2026

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; describe the plan of work for the fellowship semester; 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 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 the following deadlines: **November 17, 2025** for **Fall 2026**; and **April 15, 2026** for **Spring 2027**.

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 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).

For more information, contact us at dreshercenter@umbc.edu.

DRESHER CENTER RESIDENTIAL FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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| REQUESTED FELLOWSHIP TERM (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> FALL 2026 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING 2027 Fall semester applications are due on <u>November 17, 2025</u> . Spring semester applications are due on <u>April 15, 2026</u> . | |
| PROPOSAL TITLE: | |
| NAME: | |
| 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: | |
| OTHER CONCURRENT FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT OR PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-27 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"/> CAHSS fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

If awarded a DRESHER CENTER RESIDENTIAL FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, applicants will:

1. Reside at least two days a week in a Dresher Center office.
2. Conduct two research works-in-progress sessions during the semester: one on their research methods and the other on the work that has been accomplished on their project during the term of residence.
3. During the semester in residence, fellows will also be expected to participate actively in Dresher Center programs, including Fellows and Others and 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.
4. Residential faculty fellows will be considered fellows of the Dresher Center for as long as they are on the faculty of UMBC. After their semester in residence, they will be expected to serve a two-year term on the Dresher Center Advisory Board and remain active participants in Dresher Center programs.

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 (November 17, 2025 for Fall 2026, or April 15, 2026 for Spring 2027).

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.