



## **DRESHER CENTER SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FOR TEACHING PROFESSORS AND PART-TIME FACULTY SUMMER 2026 APPLICATION**

The Dresher Center for the Humanities invites applications for Dresher Center Summer Fellowships for Teaching Professors and Part-Time Faculty. Funding is intended to support and promote significant humanities research at UMBC. The Dresher Center Summer Fellow 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 teaching professors, lecturers, and adjunct faculty pursuing humanities research in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, whether employed full- or part-time. Part-time 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 2026. Funds supporting this initiative are provided by the Dresher Center for the Humanities Endowment.

**Application Deadline: February 16, 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, 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](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 Chair's email recommendation must be received by **February 16, 2026**.

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.

### 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](mailto:dreshercenter@umbc.edu).

## DRESHER CENTER TEACHING PROFESSOR AND PART-TIME FACULTY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**Due Date: February 16, 2026**

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:	

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: one half in June and the other half in August. The funds can be transferred to a research account or distributed through payroll; please keep in mind that the latter has tax implication.

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](mailto:dreshercenter@umbc.edu) by the application due date (February 16, 2026).

**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.