The DePaul Humanities Center
Fellows Program
2020-2022

Applications for our internal Faculty Fellows program are now being accepted.

Application due date: Monday, December 2, 2019.

Fellows are appointed for two academic years (fall 2020–spring 2022), and typically receive a three-course teaching reduction among other perks.

Program Theme for 2020-2022 Fellows
AGAINST

Applicants are expected to propose a research project taking up the topic of "against," broadly and creatively construed. Literal interpretations (e.g., adjacent, opposing, counter to, in contrast to) are acceptable, though creative readings of the theme are also encouraged around the various questions that exist in all of the disciplines within the humanities and across the university. Thus, apart from projects focused on issues of positionality/opposition projects taking up thoughtful interpretations of the theme (e.g., going against the grain, weighing pros against cons, acting against advice, against one's will, etc.) are strongly encouraged. We will also have a special series analyzing popular positions, beliefs, and practices by looking at the arguments *against* them rather than in favor of them (e.g., against democracy, against hope, against progress, etc.). Applications are especially encouraged in this series.

The DHC will award two or three fellowships under this topic. Fellows will serve for two academic years (Fall 2020–Spring 2022) and will typically receive a three-course teaching load reduction during the time of their fellowship, as well as up to 120 hours of paid research assistance. Fellows will present their work at the DHC, at a salon, and at a public event, and are expected to foster a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation across disciplines while at the Center.

We welcome applications from any full-time tenured or tenure-track DePaul faculty member.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019.

For further details, please visit:

https://las.depaul.edu/centers-and-institutes/depaul-humanities-center/faculty-fellowships/Pages/program-and-application.aspx

To apply, please visit:

https://lascollege.depaul.edu/humanitiesfellowship/

Special Note: Prepare early for the DHC's 2021-2023 theme (with applications due in fall 2020): "write/right"

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Program Overview

Purpose

The DHC Fellows Program is designed to support the development, communication, and cross fertilization of arts and humanities research at DePaul, and to foster active intellectual exchange both within and outside the university. The fellowships allow full-time tenured/tenure-track DePaul faculty members to pursue and communicate their research by reducing their teaching load, by creating a cohort of Fellows who work together throughout the year, and by providing internal and external forums for the presentation of research.

Award

Fellows will have a term of two academic years.

Each Fellow will typically receive a three-course reduction to be spread out over the two academic years (in consultation with the Fellow's Chair and the Dean of the Fellow's college or school). Normally, this will mean a two-course reduction during the first year of the fellowship and a one-course reduction during the second year. Please note:

- The Fellow's teaching load may not amount to zero during any given quarter of the year.
- Under no circumstance may the three courses be taken off during a single academic year.
- The fellowship typically may not be combined with a URC leave or other internally funded leaves (though it may be held along with certain external grants).
- If an applicant is considering applying for an internally funded leave during the second year of the DHC Fellowship, the applicant must disclose this information in his or her application and also ensure the DHC that he or she will still be in Chicago and will participate as a Fellow during that second year (though other service requirements at the university may not be in effect). Under this circumstance, the Fellow will receive a two-course reduction during the first year only and will forfeit the third course reduction completely. All things being equal, applications from those who do not expect to be going on leave during the next two academic years will be given priority in the selection process.

Fellows will receive 120 hours of research assistance as well as administrative assistance from DHC staff for hiring and payment of research assistants.

Once you have been chosen as a DHC Fellow, you are admitted to "The Society of Humanities Fellows" at the DHC, with life-long membership in this group. Membership includes certain responsibilities and privileges. The former includes the expectation that Fellows will attend future DHC events and continue to support the work of the DHC as appropriate, including mentoring current Fellows, helping colleagues apply to the Fellows program, and acting as an ambassador of the DHC and of the humanities in general. Privileges include such perks as access to undergraduate research assistants (to be determined on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of unused research assistant hours that year at the DHC), and invitations to special, private, pre-events with guests of the DHC, etc.

Each year the DHC will select two (or, at most, three) incoming Fellows.

(but wait, there's more!)

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Requirements

For each application cycle, the DHC will designate a theme that lends itself to interdisciplinary interpretation. Applicants will be asked to address this broad theme in some particular way. Themes will be tied to programming streams to be put in place one year later at the DHC. At any given time, there will be two groups of Fellows working on two different themes—one contemporaneous with the current year's theme, and one in line with a theme that will be used in the next year's programming.

Applications will be judged on the basis of intellectual and creative merit, on the applicant's history of accomplishments as well as future promise, and on the applicant's creative interpretation of that year's theme in his or her research project. The overall makeup of the cohort of Fellows may be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

Fellows will be required to present their work in three ways, at three different times. (1) Each Fellow will present his or her work to the other Fellows in the form of an informal research session to take place during the first three quarters of the fellowship period and with the intention of helping the Fellow think through some of the most basic questions of his or her research topic. (2) Each Fellow will make a brief presentation at an afternoon salon at some point during the two years of the fellowship. The setting is still somewhat informal though more structured than the research session, with the audience comprised of approximately fifteen colleagues from across the university. (3) In the second year of the fellowship, all Fellows admitted under the same theme will present something related to their research at an evening, public event organized by the director of the DHC. This will typically be a group event at which all of the Fellows present their shared themed work.

Perks for the Fellow's Department

What Chairs, Departments, Colleges, and Schools have to gain by having a DHC Fellow chosen from their ranks:

✓Applications require an administrative endorsement from the applicant's Chair. This keeps the Chair "in the loop." The announcement of new Fellows will be made no later than the third week of January. This facilitates ease of course-scheduling for the coming year.

✓Fellows are encouraged to use their own undergraduate majors as research assistants and to have those assistants present at Fellows' meetings. This will be a boon for the department's majors, providing them with work and research experience in their own field in a dynamic and interdisciplinary setting at the DHC.

✓For smaller departments of seven or fewer tenured/tenure-track members, the DHC gives priority to the goal that there be no more than one Fellow chosen from that department at any time, thus ensuring that colleagues are not taken away from teaching key courses for an extended period. This is not meant to discourage applications by faculty from smaller departments, but merely to ensure that the primary goal of the university—teaching—works in conjunction with DHC's goal of advancing colleagues' research.

✓With themed years being announced two years in advance, departments may offer courses that enhance and are enhanced by DHC events and Fellow activities. If faculty choose to teach a course tied directly to a theme the DHC will take up in its programming, the DHC will help advertise the class, make resources available for that class, and offer staff support as available.

✓Having a Fellow chosen from a department enhances visibility for that department university-wide, and enables the department to cultivate interdisciplinary relationships that may lead to further collaborations for other members of the department.