

THE DEPAUL HUMANITIES CENTER  
FELLOWS PROGRAM  
2022-2024

**Application due date: Friday, December 17, 2021.**

GIVEN THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR,  
WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN PROGRAM THEME FOR OUR 2022-2024  
ROUND OF APPLICATIONS.

The DHC will award 2-3 fellowships from among this year's applicants. Fellows will serve for two academic years (Fall 2022–Spring 2024) 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 also typically present their work publicly as well as to other Fellows and are expected to foster a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation across disciplines while at the DHC.

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

**Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021.**

**For further details, please visit:**

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

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Purpose

*The DHC Fellows Program is designed to foster active intellectual exchange both within and outside the university and to support the development, communication, and cross-fertilization of arts and humanities research at DePaul. Central to the latter is reaching out to departments and programs not historically immersed in the humanities in order to welcome scholars doing humanities research into communication with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. 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 fellowship, 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 may not be combined with any internally funded leaves during the first year (though it may be held along with certain external grants).
- If an applicant is considering applying for an internally funded leave that would be in place during the second year of the DHC Fellowship, the applicant must disclose this information in their application and also ensure the DHC that they 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.*

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*Applications will be judged on the basis of intellectual and creative merit and on the applicant's history of accomplishments as well as future promise.* 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 their 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 their 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, Fellows 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 Deans, 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 or Dean. This keeps the Chair/Dean "in the loop." The announcement of new Fellows will be made no later than the end 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.
- ✓ Having a Fellow chosen from a school or 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.