



INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

Institute for the Humanities 2025- 2026 Faculty Fellowships

Faculty Fellowships Application Information

The Faculty Fellowship Program of the Institute for the Humanities seeks to support research in the humanities, to strengthen teaching in the humanities, and to foster interdisciplinary dialogue at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2025-2026, the Institute will offer six year-long fellowships. The fellowships release faculty from all formal teaching and administrative obligations during the fellowship year.

Obligations

Institute fellows are required to be in residence during the fellowship year and to spend full time on their writing and research. Fellows are also expected to present a public lecture and lead an informal workshop on the fellowship project, participate in all fellows' lectures and seminars, participate in all resident graduate scholar seminars, to attend other Institute events whenever possible.

Eligibility

All full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty in humanities and related disciplines at the rank of assistant professor and above are eligible to apply for this award. Those faculty who have been Institute fellows are eligible to apply for a second fellowship five years after their former fellowship elapsed (2019-2020 or earlier). Those who have had two fellowships are eligible to reapply ten years after their last fellowship elapsed (2014-2015 or earlier). Former Fellows must apply for new projects.

In response to questions about the appropriateness of particular projects for fellowships, the Institute has adopted the broad definition used by the National Endowment for the Humanities: "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."