AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellowships

Purpose
In higher education, the arts & humanities are essential to imagining and creating a strong future in an increasingly globalized, interconnected, and complex world. The mission of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (AHSS) Research Advisory Board is to support AHSS faculty whose research and creative works have the potential to make valuable contributions to the global dialogue and add to the foundation upon which individuals learn, engage, create, transform, and lead. AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellowships support long-term research and creative projects by awarding a semester-long release from regular faculty duties. Although no preference will be given to faculty rank, applicants must demonstrate a record of productivity. Awardees may use the release time to seek external funding. In compensation for release of the applicant, the department receives $8,000. In addition, faculty may apply for a supplement for research expenses, such as material, books, or travel for research, but not for presentation of findings at conferences ($2,000 maximum).

Eligibility
All faculty in AHSS fields at the university who have at least an 80% FTE appointment are eligible. Visiting faculty and faculty who have received URC or AHSS funding in the current or previous year are not eligible, nor can faculty earn more than one fellowship in the same academic year.

Applications
The application must contain the following:
1. A proposal of 800 to 1200 words that outlines the project in detail, including:
   - a detailed explanation of the significance of the project to the applicant’s discipline, and how it relates to the mission of the AHSS Research Advisory Board and to the applicant’s professional development;
   - a description of the proposed final publication or creative work;
   - a detailed project schedule.
2. A description of productivity under previous grants and sabbaticals; list any current internal funding awarded.
3. If a research supplement is requested, then a brief budget outline with explanation of costs.
4. A two page curriculum vita that has been updated within the past month.
5. A letter of support from the applicant’s department head (or supervisor) which should discuss the merits of the proposed project; the prospects for completion within the schedule outlined; and the specific release agreement reached with the applicant. This letter must also acknowledge approval of the Dean.

Criteria for Selection
- The quality of the applicant’s work in research or creative projects.
- The contribution that the proposed project will make to the applicant’s field.
- The conception, definition, organization, and description of the proposed project.
- The current state of the research, the project schedule, and the timeliness of the proposed release. Timeliness may involve taking advantage of time-constrained opportunities, the ability of applicants to extend sabbatical leave by a semester, or the opportunity to complete a long-term project that has yet to receive URC or Taft support.
- The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project.
- The manner in which the application fulfills the stated requirements.
- Evidence of productivity commensurate with stage of career and discipline.

Terms of the Grant
- AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellows agree to acknowledge support received from the AHSS Research Advisory Board in any publication or performance resulting from the fellowship project.
- Awarded funds must be used during the academic year starting August 15, 2016, and ending August 11, 2017.
- AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellows must report on the funded project within one month after the academic year ends (i.e. by September 15, 2017). A report form will be included with award notification.
- Release support must be allotted to the recipient’s academic unit and earmarked for faculty teaching compensation.
- All recipients of an AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellowship may be called to serve on the AHSS Research Advisory Board in future years.

Deadline for application: November 16, 2015. Applicants will be notified by December 15, 2015, regarding the status of their proposal. All applications must be emailed to AHSS.Research@uc.edu. Questions can be sent to Nicasio Urbina, chair of the AHSS Third Century Faculty Research Fellowship Committee.