



Utah Humanities Council

Student Fellowship Guidelines

New Fellowships for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The Utah Humanities Council (UHC) encourages undergraduate and graduate students throughout the State of Utah to explore research and scholarship in the humanities through a new fellowship program. Student fellowships support research in the study of history, philosophy and ethics, literature, linguistics, languages, jurisprudence, cultural anthropology, archaeology, comparative religions, art history and/or criticism, folklore, or interdisciplinary scholarship in these areas. UHC created this grant program to support aspiring scholars in the humanities. Two fellowships—one in the undergraduate category and one in the graduate category—will be awarded each year.

Who is eligible for a Student Fellowship from UHC?

Any currently registered undergraduate or graduate student in good academic standing may apply. Faculty may identify promising students, but the student is responsible for the application. The application must designate a faculty advisor.

What does a Student Fellowship support?

Scholarly projects which are not routine requirements for a course or degree program are eligible for support on a competitive basis.

What is the maximum award for the Student Fellowship?

The maximum award is \$500. Grant funds may be used to pay the costs of equipment, supplies, software, technical support, or travel to do research or to report on the results of research at a professional conference.

Is public presentation of my research findings a condition of receiving a Research Fellowship from UHC?

Yes. Each student fellow must develop his or her research results into a public program (e.g., a lecture or workshop) which will be presented in **at least one Utah venue to out-of-school adult audiences**. In addition to the required presentation to an out-of-school adult audience, students may wish to present their research findings in other venues that focus on student research, though this is not a requirement of the Student Fellowship program. Possible venues for this kind of presentation include, but are not limited to, the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, the National Undergraduate Literature Conference, and the various professional conferences associated with the humanities.

Must I credit UHC in any publication that results from work I completed during the fellowship period?

Yes. You must also present UHC with a copy of any product of the fellowship (book, manuscript, article, etc.).

How do I apply for a Research Fellowship?

**** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ****

Carefully complete the Student Fellowship Application_Form and submit it along with a proposal narrative:

- *Applicant's Name and Contact Information:* Fill this information out completely. In the appropriate spaces, list the humanities discipline(s) central to the proposed project, the topic(s) that will be discussed, and the format(s) you will use to present your research findings. Also list the venue for the required public program and indicate whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student by checking the appropriate box.
- *Faculty Advisor:* Provide the name and contact information of your faculty advisor.
- *Funds Requested and Signatures of Applicant and Faculty Advisor:* List the specific costs anticipated for each category of expenditure. Sign the application and give it to your advisor to sign. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
- *Abstract:* Describe the activities for which support is requested. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.** Include at least a summary description on the form, even if supplementary materials are attached.
- *Proposal Narrative:* Using no more than two (2) single-spaced pages, do the following:
 - Describe the basic idea or question you will explore, and illustrate your planned approach or line of thought. Indicate clearly the significance of your proposed work and the contribution it will make to the humanities by offering a review of the literature on your chosen topic and an explanation of how your project fills a gap in scholarly knowledge.
 - Describe your planned public program and list the program date and details. A letter of commitment from the public program venue is highly recommended. Fellowship recipients are responsible for planning and publicizing their program in conjunction with the selected venue.
 - Explain your budget. State the total request. State the amount requested from the Utah Humanities Council. Note if there is any matching amount from your home institution (matching is not required). List the anticipated costs for each category of expenditure. Justify the proposed expenditures.

Are there limits to the amount I can ask for in order to offset per diem and travel costs associated with my research or the required public program?

UHC will only cover \$80 per night for lodging, coach rate airfare, and \$.40 per mile if traveling by car. The maximum UHC per diem is \$30.

What supporting material must I include with my application?

You must include the following with the Research Fellowship Application Form:

- An abbreviated curriculum vita or resume (two pages maximum).
- A recommendation letter from your faculty advisor.