Deadline for Proposals: February 10, 2012

Opportunity: The *Humanities Writ Large* Visiting Faculty Fellowship Program is seeking proposals for the 2012-13 academic year, made possible by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This funding will allow faculty members from Liberal Arts Colleges (LACs) and / or Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to participate in a comprehensive effort to redefine the role of the humanities in undergraduate education. It is anticipated that 3 – 6 Fellows will be selected for 2012-13.

The Visiting Fellows funded through this program will be part of an effort to broaden the footprint of Duke’s traditional humanities departments, as well as those in the interpretive social sciences. Duke is committed to reasserting the importance of the humanities by connecting humanistic inquiry broadly across domains of knowledge and linking it to an active, integrative model of education. The Visiting Faculty Fellows Program contributes to this by:

- Engaging faculty Fellows from LACs and HBCUs in re-defining our common research and pedagogy in the humanities;
- Facilitating exchange between humanities scholars at Duke and LACs and HBCUs; and
- Creating pathways for replicating a transformed approach to humanities education beyond Duke.

Three Fellows have been selected for Spring 2012. Information about them and their work at Duke can be found at [http://humanitieswritlarge.duke.edu/visiting-fellows](http://humanitieswritlarge.duke.edu/visiting-fellows).

These Fellowships are meant to mesh individual research projects with larger collaborative ventures already ongoing at Duke. The Fellows may be tied to innovative intellectual projects that involve undergraduates and that are conceptualized within or across humanities and interpretive social sciences departments; with interdisciplinary centers or institutes or interdisciplinary working groups; with Emerging Humanities Networks, or with Humanities Labs (Haiti Lab, BorderWork(s), and GreaterThanGames).
Each Fellow must be committed to the goal of connecting humanists and the humanities to new neighbors and adjacencies, sometimes outside of traditional disciplines, in ways that make the humanities a central part of new knowledge projects. This might be accomplished, for example, through guest lecturing in Duke courses, video linking with the Fellow’s home institution to connect students from both institutions, or creating a hybrid model where technology allows periodic encounters with experts in other locations. In addition, the Fellows will participate in seminars, colloquia, social events, and other programs and events. It is hoped that the Fellows will continue to collaborate with Duke colleagues after returning to their home institutions.

Each Fellow will be provided with a stipend equal to the current pay of the Fellow (capped at $150,000 for salary and fringe benefits, paid to his/her home institution), course replacement funding for the home institution, office space, library privileges, and research funds. Duke will assist Fellows in identifying housing.

The Humanities Writ Large Initiative includes a component to assess its impact on transforming humanities education. The Fellows will be required to participate in program assessment and evaluation in order to measure the impact of the Humanities Writ Large grant over time. This will not be onerous but will provide us with useful information.

Eligibility: Candidates for the Visiting Faculty Fellowships should be full-time faculty (not adjuncts) who hold positions in departments focused on the humanities or interpretive social sciences Liberal Arts Colleges (defined using the Carnegie Foundation’s Basic Classification of “Baccalaureate Colleges--Arts & Sciences”) and those designated by Congress as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Proposals will also be considered from faculty holding positions outside the humanities and interpretive social sciences if they indicate a strong interest in working with humanities faculty and students.

Proposals: Proposals are due by February 10, 2012, and should include:
1. A one-page cover letter that provides a brief summary of your proposal and the nature of your interest in working at Duke University as part of the Humanities Writ Large Initiative.
2. A proposal of 1,500 words or less that includes:
   a) The department, center, institute, interdisciplinary working group, Humanities Lab, or Emerging Humanities Network with which you would work;
   b) The distinctive research and pedagogical perspective you would bring to Duke;
   c) Your professional goals during the Fellowship;
   d) A description of your current research and/or teaching; and
   e) The ways in which your work will connect with the Duke humanities community.
3. A current curriculum vitae.
4. A letter from your Dean agreeing to release time for the length of the proposed fellowship.
5. Two letters of recommendation from scholars who are familiar with your work.
6. (Optional) A letter of support of your application from the group or faculty member(s) at Duke you want to be affiliated with, specifying the ways in which they see your proposal fitting in with their activities.
All materials may be submitted by email to humanities-writ-large@duke.edu, or by mail to:

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Additional queries should be directed to humanities-writ-large@duke.edu or to Laura Eastwood at (919) 684-8873.

**Review and Selection**

Proposals will be reviewed by the Steering Committee for the *Humanities Writ Large* initiative, chaired by the Dean of Humanities. Each Fellow will be selected based on the quality of his/her proposal, its fit with the Duke entity with which the Fellow would be affiliated, and an expression of commitment to the goal of redefining the role of the humanities in undergraduate education. This program is intended to support full-time residential fellows and each Fellow must agree to be in residence at Duke during the fellowship term.

The Fellowship appointment will be announced in March.

(The Steering Committee is willing to consider single-semester Fellowship applications. This program is scheduled to continue through the 2015-16 academic year; if you are not available for the coming year but are interested in the program in the future, please let us know.)