The Stanford Humanities Center will award six to eight external faculty fellowships for the academic year 2005-2006. External fellowships fall into two categories: (a) senior fellowships for well-established scholars at least ten years beyond receipt of the Ph.D.; (b) junior fellowships for scholars at least three years beyond receipt of the Ph.D. and normally no more than ten (i.e., whose Ph.D.s were conferred by September 30, 2002). External fellowships are intended primarily for individuals currently teaching or affiliated with an academic institution, but independent scholars may apply. One goal of the fellowship selection process is to create a diverse community of scholars in residence across the spectrum of academic fields and academic ranks. Scholars who are members of traditionally under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. Awards are made from an applicant pool of approximately 200.

The fellowship program is designed to offer research opportunities both to members of humanities departments as traditionally defined and to other scholars seriously interested in humanistic issues. Fellows will be chosen by a selection committee after an initial screening process by experts in the various disciplines. Applications will be judged on (1) the promise of the specific research project being proposed; (2) the originality and intellectual distinction of the candidate’s previous work; (3) the research project’s potential interest to scholars in different fields of the humanities; (4) the applicant’s ability to engage in collegial interaction.

An essential feature of the center is that fellows make a contribution to the intellectual life of the Stanford community. The nature of this contribution will depend on the fellow’s own interests and wishes as well as relevant approvals. It may take the form of participation in a research workshop or offering a course or seminar within a particular department or program or in Stanford’s Continuing Studies Program. Fellows are required to remain in residence during the regular academic year (September 2005–June 2006), to live within ten miles of the University, and to take an active part in the life of the center.

For 2005-2006, junior fellows will be offered stipends of up to $40,000 and senior fellows stipends of up to $50,000. This stipend is intended to supplement other funds the fellow may bring (typically sabbatical funding, grants or fellowship awards, etc.). In addition, a housing and moving allowance of up to $10,000 is offered.

Application forms and further information are available from the Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa Street, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-4015 or from the center’s website at http://shc.stanford.edu. The deadline to submit applications is October 15, 2004. Awards will be announced by the end of March 2005.
Purpose of the Center

The Stanford Humanities Center, established in 1980, promotes humanistic research and education at Stanford and nationwide. In particular, it stresses work of an interdisciplinary nature. It accomplishes this through the following programs: one-year residential fellowships for advanced research by Stanford faculty, faculty members from other institutions, and Stanford graduate and undergraduate students; research workshops that bring faculty and graduate students together regularly to advance ongoing research on topics of interdisciplinary interest; public lectures, colloquia, conferences and interdisciplinary explorations of fundamental issues in the humanities.

Eligibility

Especially appropriate are candidates whose research is likely to contribute to intellectual exchange among a diverse group of scholars within the disciplines of the humanities.

Scholars who have received a major research grant within the last three years generally will not be as competitive as other applicants. Former fellows who reapply are at an extreme disadvantage in the selection process.

Candidates may get general guidance about the eligibility of their projects for research from the definition of the Act that set up the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities: “the humanities include, but are not limited to, the following fields: history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, archeology, jurisprudence, history and criticism of the arts, ethics, comparative religion, and those aspects of the social sciences employing historical, or philosophical approaches. This last category includes cultural anthropology, sociology, political theory, international relations, and other subjects concerned with questions of values...”

Stipends

The statement about stipends on the front page of the application describes the general approach of the Center. While their application is under consideration, applicants are required to notify the center if they are offered and accept other awards. Other awards include any form of financial support such as grants, fellowships, or other contributions or sabbatical credit from their home, or other institutions. Fellows may be allowed to defer large awards and national grants. Alternatively, the Humanities Center fellowship may be adjusted to complement these other funds up to the fellow’s regular salary, but will in no case exceed the $40,000 and $50,000 limits. External applicants are judged without reference to financial need. External Fellows will receive an additional sum of up to $10,000 for use as a moving and housing supplement. The center is unable to provide medical insurance, and fellows are required to make individual arrangements for reasonable coverage during their fellowship year.

The center welcomes occasional fellows to join the program using their own funding or external awards. To be eligible for this status, candidates are required to go through the normal application process first. Fellows with this status are expected to participate fully and to fulfill all fellowship requirements as well as report on their progress for the year.

Intellectual Contribution to Stanford

The center expects its fellows to make an intellectual contribution not only within the center but, more widely, to the humanities at Stanford. This requirement may be fulfilled by active participation in a research workshop or by teaching. Proposed intellectual contributions are usually further discussed at the time awards are made. See the following descriptions for more information.
Research Workshops

The center supports ongoing research workshops in the humanities. A typical workshop brings together several faculty members and a number of advanced graduate students, meeting regularly to explore a topic or problem of common intellectual concern that bears on significant issues in the humanities or humanistically oriented social sciences or on the relationship of these disciplines to others. Only Stanford faculty may propose workshops, but external fellows are invited to participate in one or more of these already-approved workshops. Fellows choosing to participate in a workshop in fulfillment of their intellectual contribution to Stanford are expected to attend all the workshop meetings and actively engage in the discussions, presentations, and colloquia that may be a part of the workshop. Generally, fellows will give one or more presentations in the workshop. Workshop topics may change from year to year. For descriptions of current workshops, please visit the center’s website at http://shc.stanford.edu/workshops/index.htm. Applicants wishing to participate in one of these workshops should indicate on the Proposed Intellectual Contribution sheet the title(s) of workshop(s) they are interested in and include one paragraph describing how their research project relates to the workshop theme. Should that particular workshop not be carried forward into the new fellowship year, an alternate contribution will be discussed.

Teaching in a Stanford Department

Fellows may fulfill the intellectual contribution requirement by teaching an undergraduate or graduate course or seminar for one quarter within a particular academic department or program. Courses with certain breadth gain better enrollments than those closely focused on your research project. You may consult the Stanford Bulletin for curriculum in various departments: http://www.stanford.edu/dept/register/bulletin/. Supply a short schematic syllabus with your application.

Teaching in Stanford’s Continuing Studies Program

Fellows may fulfill the intellectual contribution requirement by teaching a course for one quarter in the university’s Continuing Studies Program (CSP). CSP is the University’s credit-bearing adult education program, which also offers a Master of Liberal Arts degree. It enrolls 9,000 students annually – 60% of whom hold advanced degrees. Classes meet in the evenings once a week, for five or ten weeks. For information about its curriculum go to: http://continuingstudies.stanford.edu. Supply a short schematic syllabus with your application.

Residence

This is a residential center and its intellectual life depends on collegial interaction. The center assists its incoming fellows in finding suitable housing in the Stanford area. Those who live in San Francisco or the East Bay are expected to move closer to campus. Fellows are required to live within a ten-mile radius of Stanford University and to be in residence during Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.

Facilities

The center is located in the heart of the Stanford campus. The building is within a short walking distance to university libraries, the bookstore, the faculty club and Tresidder Union. Fellows have their own offices, and use of the center’s fax, photocopier and mail service. Each office has network connections to link fellows’ personal computers to the campus-wide network for access to email and major library systems and information databases. The center is furnished with a lounge, a public lecture hall, meeting rooms for small groups, a reference library, and a common room for daily lunches.

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Application Instructions

A complete application consists of four parts:

1. The completed single-page application form (submitted outline)

2. A total of eight separate sets of application materials with each set arranged in the following order:
   (i) A curriculum vitae of not more than 10 pages
   (ii) A brief description (not more than 1,000 words) of a research project (see guidelines below)
   (iii) The sheet describing the applicant’s proposed contribution to Stanford.

3. The Financial Information sheet (original only). This will not be available to the Selection Committee until it has compiled a rank order of candidates on the basis of merit alone.

4. Three letters of recommendation, to be sent directly to the center by each referee. So that your referees may address their comments to the center’s selection criteria, a sheet of Instructions for Referees is included with the application materials. Note especially the item on collegial interaction. A copy of this sheet should be sent, along with a copy of your proposal, to each person who will be writing in support of your application. Applicants are advised not to have all their reference letters from persons at their own institutions. Members of the Selection Committee and the director of the center are not eligible to write letters of recommendation for applicants.

   It is the responsibility of applicants to make certain that their referees’ letters reach the center by October 15, 2004. Consideration of letters received after that date cannot be guaranteed.

Project Description Guidelines

The project description is of crucial importance since many applicants possess substantial records of publications, essential backgrounds and strong recommendations.

The project description should:

• state clearly the objectives of the project
• state clearly the significance of the project
• state clearly the methodology to be used
• state what will be original about the work compared to what has already been published on the topic
• explain the broad significance of the project in a manner that will make this clear to nonspecialists (Note: the selection committee is composed of a range of scholars from different fields in the humanities and may not include specialists in your field)
• include a brief (1-2 pages) bibliography (in addition to the 1,000-word proposal)

All applications must be in English. We cannot send or receive applications by fax. We discourage the submission of additional materials with your application and cannot return such material to you.

• Please send the eight collated application sets, and the one financial information sheet to:
  Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa Street, Stanford University, Stanford CA 94305-4015.
  Applicants will be notified that their applications have been received, and can expect to learn the final outcome of their applications by late March, 2005.

John Bender, Director
Elizabeth S. Wahl, Associate Director

July, 2004
STANFORD HUMANITIES CENTER
Application for External Fellowship: 2005-2006

REGISTRATION: We prefer that applicants complete this registration form online at:
http://shc.stanford.edu/fellowships registration.htm by October 15, 2004 (alternatively, you may mail or fax this paper form to be received by the same deadline if you cannot register online).

Full Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Address to which correspondence should be sent:______________________________________________________________________________________________
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Tel, home:_____________ Office:_____________ Fax: _____________ E-mail address: ____________________

Have you applied previously? ______________ If yes, what year(s)? __________________________________

Have you previously held a fellowship at the center?________   If yes, what year(s)?  ____________________

Date of Birth:____________________ City and Country of Birth: _______________________________________

Citizenship: _____________________________ Ethnic Background (optional): ___________________________

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If you are in a tenure-track position, are you tenured? ______________ If yes, when did you receive tenure? ______________

If no, when will you be reviewed for tenure? ____________________

Prior Support:
List all forms of previous financial support from home or other institutions (i.e. one-quarter, semester or longer) fellowships, leaves of absence, sabbaticals, etc. you have held in the last five years, giving the period or periods, the type (e.g. Guggenheim), and any other necessary details (use additional sheets if necessary). _____________________________________________________________________________________
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References: Please list three people whom you have asked to send recommendations directly to the Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa Street, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-4015. (Be sure to send each of your referees a copy of the Instructions for Referees and your research proposal.)

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Title of Proposal: ______________________________________________________________

Proposed Intellectual Contribution: ______________________________________________
In writing your letter of reference for a candidate being considered for a 2005-2006 fellowship at the Stanford Humanities Center, it would be very helpful to the Center’s Selection Committee if you kept in mind the following selection criteria:

(1) The applicant’s ability to engage in collegial interaction and to contribute to the discussion of presentations. Please comment on collegiality. This information is taken seriously in the selection process.

(2) The promise of the specific research project being proposed

(3) The originality and intellectual distinction of the candidate’s previous work

(4) The research project’s potential interest to scholars in different fields of the humanities

Please note that the deadline for applications is October 15, 2004, and the Selection Committee’s consideration of reference letters received after that date cannot be guaranteed.

Please send your reference letter directly to:

Fellowship Selection Committee
Stanford Humanities Center
424 Santa Teresa Street
Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305-4015

Or by fax: (650) 723-3918
Or by email: shc-letters@stanford.edu
Name of Applicant:

Proposed Contribution:  
☐ Course (undergraduate or graduate)  ☐ Continuing Studies  ☐ Research Workshop Course

Title:

Brief Description:

If you are proposing a course*:

Type:  
☐ Lecture Course  
☐ Class (25-40 students)  
☐ Seminar (15 students)

Term Preferred:  
☐ Winter Quarter (January to mid-March)  
☐ Spring Quarter (April to mid-June)

Level:  
☐ Undergraduate  
☐ Graduate  
☐ Advanced UG/Graduate  
☐ Continuing Studies

Departmental Affiliation:

If you have taught this course before, please include a syllabus and reading list. If it is a new course, please include a tentative reading list.

If you would like to propose more than one course, please make a photocopy of this page and provide relevant information for each course proposed.

*Course proposals and teaching term are open to negotiation and must be approved by the sponsoring department and/or program, including the Continuing Studies Program.
STANFORD HUMANITIES CENTER

Financial Information for External Fellowships Applicants

(Note: All figures, except for current salary, we understand are estimates. If a fellowship is awarded, figures will be adjusted for final terms of fellowship.)

Name _________________________________________________________________________________________
Social Security Number _________________________________________________________________________
Permanent Home Address _________________________________________________________________________
Citizenship ____________________________________________________________________________________
Present Position ________________________________________________________________________________
Current Annual Salary __________________________________________________________________________

Supplemental Support

Any grants, research support, or sabbatical salary you have already been awarded or guaranteed for the period you wish to spend at the Stanford Humanities Center:

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Any grants, research support, or sabbatical salary you have requested or intend to request for the period you wish to spend at the Stanford Humanities Center:

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In the absence of any university or outside support for the fellowship year, how might you expect to supplement the Humanities Center stipend? _______________________________________________________
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Fellows eligible for a sabbatical leave are expected to have their sabbatical stipend applied to their fellowship.

The Center assists fellows, up to a limit to be specified when awards are made, with moving or housing expenses associated with their fellowships. Please provide the following information:

Members of your immediate family who would accompany you to the Stanford Humanities Center (include ages of children):
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

Any further information that may be relevant to your request for financial support at the Center:
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