The Institute for Humanities Research at Arizona State University invites applications for our IHR Fellows program for 2017-2018. The theme will be Health. Proposals are due by 11:59 pm MST on Monday, March 6, 2017.

The ASU IHR Fellows program provides funding for tenured or tenure-track faculty (either individuals or teams) to engage in a year of research related to the annual theme, share their research with the academic community (via lectures, a conference or symposium), and produce a strong application for an external grant. Eligibility may be extended to other faculty eligible for a research release.

Successful proposals for the Fellows program will outline a rich scholarly project with a central humanities or interdisciplinary focus that seeks to produce transdisciplinary results, in keeping with the IHR mission. Our definition of transdisciplinarity can be found here. Fellowships provide one course buyout (in the spring semester) for each faculty member as well as research funds: $2,500 for individuals and $6,000 for teams.

Theme Description: Health

What is health and what is disease? What institutions generate or impede health? Who has access to the healthiest environments and what makes those environments healthy? How do communities construct, maintain or discipline health in individual bodies? These are questions that have been central to scholarship in the health humanities as well as other disciplines. Humanities research often underscores the constructed and contested nature of categories surrounding health and how we define and attach value to those categories. Moving from the scale of the individual biological being outward to the community and the environment as it is shaped in the Anthropocene, health is physical, mental, spiritual, environmental, social and political. Considering health as a social relation of power, for instance, humanities scholars have addressed how the body (politic) is the terrain that maps humanness and well being, and how precarity is woven into social policy and cultural competition. Drawing on scholarship in this area, healthcare institutions and policymakers can benefit from a thorough humanistic questioning of the nature of health itself.

The Institute for Humanities Research invites ASU scholars to propose research projects related to health as a theme for the 2017-18 academic year. Because health lends itself to interdisciplinary and cross-cultural analysis, multidisciplinary approaches or groups of collaborators are especially welcome to apply. Fellows’ projects may focus on how value is attached to health, how health is understood, or how it is determined by social relations, structures or institutions, both in the present and throughout human history. Projects may also address the role of health as a concept in biopolitics or other areas of critical theory, or in the areas of medical or health humanities.

Possible research topics might include (but are not limited to):

- the history of health, healthcare, or medicine
- the politics of health or biopolitics
• healthy communities and what makes them
• media representations of health or disease
• health and the arts
• health and the imagination
• health and literature or storymaking
• disciplines of the body and hygiene
• the healthy and sick body
• disability and discourses of health
• health as a metaphor beyond the human
• narratives of health and illness
• cross-cultural analyses of health
• health disparities in the US or globally
• discourses of medicine
• subjective v. objective approaches to health
• health and human rights
• the relationship between health and well-being
• celebrity, the media, and health
• histories of care and carework
• geographies and spaces of health
• health and the environment, both the built and the natural
• health and the politics of race and/or gender
• pathologies and pathologizing discourses
• health, sustainability, and resilience
• questions of risk and precarity in relation to health
• health and cognition

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

The IHR Fellows program provides annual funding to: 1) engage in research related to the annual theme for a calendar year, starting in May 2017; 2) meet regularly (weekly in the fall and spring semesters) with other Fellows to identify and develop areas of common interest; 3) share their research with the academic community (via lectures, a conference or symposium); and 4) produce a strong application for an external grant.

Applicants can be individuals or teams (of two faculty members per team). Awards will cover one course buyout per scholar (in the spring semester) plus $2,500 in research funds for individual projects and $6,000 for team projects. These funds may be used to support on-campus or off-campus consultants and scholars who can contribute to the project, travel by team members for research-related purposes, or other appropriate research-related expenses. Fellows are encouraged to leverage IHR funding by requesting support from their home departments and other units in the form of co-sponsorships for invited speakers or events. Additionally, the IHR will provide and fund graduate student research assistance for all fellows.
Faculty selected for the ASU Fellows Program are expected to **collaborate and coordinate activities** during the 2017-2018 academic year, **generate scholarly publications and/or presentations**, and with support from the IHR, **produce strong applications for external funding** significantly larger than that provided by this award. Research teams should produce high quality proposals of substantial size. The external funding should enable the fellows to continue their collaboration for at least a year beyond the term of the ASU award. Submitting applications for external funding and producing scholarly publications are important deliverables for ASU Fellows. IHR personnel will assist Fellows with the grant development, submission, and implementation phases.

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**PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

**Eligibility/restrictions:**

- Fellows must be **tenured or tenure-track faculty** and may come from any ASU campus (eligibility may be extended to other faculty eligible for a research release). In the case of collaborative projects, **at least one researcher must be from the humanities**. Team members from **non-humanities units** must clearly demonstrate that 1) their proposed project is rooted in humanities concerns and methods and 2) they possess the training and knowledge necessary to execute their proposed project successfully.
- **Scholars from outside of ASU** are welcomed as consultants, but are not eligible for IHR funds beyond travel to ASU and/or honoraria as invited speakers.
- **Preference will be given** to faculty who have not received an IHR Fellowship within the past three years.
- **Past recipients** of IHR Seed Grants and/or Fellowships, regardless of award date, will not be eligible for further support until they have met their prior **obligation to pursue external funding**.

Each proposal should **incorporate humanities methodologies** and **involve at least one humanities scholar**. Most humanities scholars will be located in the CLAS division of the Humanities, but eligible humanists may also be located in the CLAS Social Sciences or Natural Sciences divisions, in art history or other divisions in the Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts, and from the West or Polytechnic campuses. For research teams, other members may include faculty from any ASU unit. Faculty and graduate students throughout the campus community may be invited to participate in Fellows’ scheduled activities during the academic year.

Applicants should identify in their proposal:

- How the proposal relates to the theme of “Health” as well as to relevant sub-themes;
• How the expertise of the applicant(s) is appropriate to the topic and will enhance research and the likelihood of receiving external funding and producing publications;
• The specific external agencies that fund this type of project, their deadlines, copies of RFPs or similar program guidelines;
• A preliminary calendar of activities beginning in May 2017 through May 2018 (or until the external grant proposals are submitted);

Financial Guidelines

Funds will be available from approximately May 15, 2017 through May 14, 2018 and are disbursed through the IHR office.

*Note: The source of funds is a local account. The proposals and the awards are administered by IHR and do not involve ORSPA.*

Restricted expenses

• Travel and meal expenses cannot exceed established per diem rates (see [here](#) for U.S. rates and [here](#) for international rates)
• Meals are allowed when related to the Fellow’s travel and for consultants visiting ASU
  o food may not exceed 10% of your award (per diem allowances for visiting scholars are exempt from this percentage)
  o individual meals may not exceed $40/person
• Tips of any kind cannot exceed 20% of the service total before taxes

Ineligible expenses

• Alcohol
• Graduate student RAs/TAs: the IHR provides Graduate Student Research Assistance as part of the Fellows program.
• Additional salary support

Further guidelines: expense categories

**Honoraria**  You may use Fellowship funds toward honoraria for invited speakers/scholars. (recommended range: $100-300)

**Travel**  Funds may be used for researcher travel outside of ASU (e.g. to libraries, archives, other research sites) and for travel by visiting speakers and scholars to ASU. Expenses may not exceed the established ASU per diem rate for each destination. These rates may be found [here](#). Note that these rates vary by season, with the highest prices in the Phoenix area occurring January-April.
Public event  In addition to allocating expenses for visiting scholars (travel, honoraria), we suggest that you set aside funds for beverages for a brown bag, light refreshments for a conference, etc. Note that there is no charge for use of the IHR conference room (SS 109).

Operations  Research funds may be applied to project expenses as needed. Please contact the IHR for guidance.

Please Note:  Final decisions on award amounts are contingent upon the availability of funds, needs of a project, the number of fundable proposals submitted, and the proposed funding level of external grants. Before deciding whether or not the IHR should support a particular project, the Director, Board, or IHR personnel may suggest changes.

REVIEWERS’ CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ASU IHR FELLOWS

IHR Fellows proposals undergo a rigorous review by the IHR’s Advisory Board. When possible, decisions will be announced within six weeks of the application deadline and notifications will include feedback from the Board. In reviewing proposals, Board members consider the following:

- Does the application clearly define the intended research and the method for carrying it out during the proposed award period?
- Does the proposal present a convincing case for the transdisciplinary significance of this study?
- Is the expertise of the faculty clearly demonstrated in the application?
- Does the application suggest that the research has a strong likelihood of being awarded external funding based on the sources identified and the focus of the project?
- Is the expected outcome clear, e.g. publication, presentation?
- Will the research contribute to the IHR mission and to the humanities generally at Arizona State University? How will this fellow contribute to the interdisciplinary thematic topic of the fellows seminar? Will the research resources of ASU advance the goals of the project?

TERMS & CONDITIONS

During the term of their Fellowship, Fellows will:

- engage in intensive summer work (summer 2017) on their project.
- participate in weekly seminars with other ASU Fellows during the academic year.
- invite other scholars, both ASU faculty and others, who can contribute to the research and strengthen the proposal for external funding.
Extensions cannot be granted. Unspent funds will remain with the IHR.

Requests entailing a significant change to the scope of work require approval and may be referred to the Advisory Board. Contact Jennifer Quincey, the IHR’s Assistant Director, for further information.

Before beginning spending on their award, recipients must meet with the IHR’s Business Operations Specialist. All travel must be cleared beforehand.

Fellows agree to pursue overhead-bearing external funding significantly exceeding the value of their IHR award and to include the IHR as a Center in their allocations on relevant ASU forms when they apply for external funding. Fellows also agree to include a portion of overhead allocation to the IHR (specifically, 1% of the RID) for tracking purposes for all FUTURE grants related to their IHR-funded research. The Research Administrators for IHR/CLAS Humanities will assist with this process.

The IHR must be acknowledged/credited in all relevant publications, funding applications, and activities resulting from the fellowship. Fellows agree to donate copies of any resulting publication to the IHR.

The IHR will provide access to our conference room (SS 109), assistance with publicity for the required public event, and will reserve lodging for invited speakers in some cases. Beyond these services, Fellows must arrange their own logistics (refreshments, written materials, invitations, etc.).

Fellows will receive a full set of terms and conditions in their final award letter and are encouraged to consult with IHR personnel whenever questions arise.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The application consists of the following components. Narrative prompts and further details are contained in the application form:

- Cover sheet
- Narrative
- Signatures from applicants and unit heads
- Attachments
  - CV for each applicant (4 page maximum each)
  - bibliography (1-2 pages)
  - external funding information
    - program descriptions/requests for proposals
    - feedback from funding agency program officer, if any

We will aim to announce decisions within 6 weeks of the submission deadline.