

TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER
2009-2010 George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation
FELLOWSHIP IN MORMON STUDIES
For pre-doctoral graduate students

The Tanner Humanities Center's mission is to promote humanistic research and education at the University of Utah, in the state, and in the nation. The Center sponsors an annual competitive program which promotes research by University of Utah faculty and graduate students and research by independent scholars and faculty from other institutions. See <http://www.thc.utah.edu> for more information.

Eligibility

Graduate students will have successfully passed their Ph.D. or qualifying exams, and completed all course work by the beginning of the fellowship period (August 2009).

The Tanner Humanities Center will award an Eccles fellowship in Mormon Studies for the 2009-2010 academic year. This fellowship is designed to enable doctoral students of unusual ability and achievement to engaging in research and writing full time. Projects should focus on topics related to the history and/or culture of Mormonism. Eligible disciplines include: Communication, English, History, Languages, Law, and Philosophy.

Stipend

Doctoral Fellows will receive a stipend of \$18,000 and a private office with computer and telephone in the Center. Doctoral Fellows will be exempt from departmental teaching or instructional duties during the academic year. Doctoral fellows may retain other forms of internal and external support that do not interfere with their dissertation work.

Fellowship Activities

As part of an intellectual community, fellows will be *in residence* during the nine-month academic year from August through April and are expected to participate fully in Center activities. During their residence, fellows will present work-in-progress talk to other fellows, faculty, graduate students, and invited guests. A final written fellowship report of progress required by June 30, 2010. Brief absences for research-related travel are permitted with notice to staff

Selection Criteria

The Center seeks fellows whose past and present work demonstrates excellence and collegiality, and represents a variety of disciplines and methodologies without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship, or national or ethnic origin. The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities to people with disabilities.

Application Process

A Graduate Fellowship application consists of four parts:

- 1) Original copy (paper clipped) plus 4 stapled photocopies (**5 total**) of the application materials arranged in the following order: a) the application cover page, b) an abstract (100 words, single-spaced) of the proposed project, and c) a brief description (double-spaced, not to exceed 1000 words) of the dissertation project that follows "description format" guidelines listed below, and d) a current curriculum vitae.
- 2) Two (2) letters of recommendation: a) one letter from the chair of the supervisory committee and, b) one letter from a scholar working in the student's area of study who is familiar with the student's proposed research project. **REQUEST YOUR LETTERS EARLY.**

Please ask your department's or program's graduate director to submit a letter acknowledging that you are a graduate student in good standing in the program.

Please ask your department or program to send a dated copy of the your qualifying exam sheet signed by the supervisory committee indicating "pass."

All documents must be separately sent (not sent by the applicant) to Doctoral Fellowship in Mormon Studies Program, Tanner Humanities Center, Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building, 215 S. Central Campus Drive Room 110, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0312, by the March 1, 2009 deadline.

- 3) ONE set of official Transcript(s) of all graduate schooling. **ORDER THEM EARLY, EVEN EIGHT WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.**
- 4) A list by year of the graduate (M.A. and Ph.D.) support—in the form of tuition waivers, teaching assistantships or teaching fellowships, scholarships, grants, and other fellowships, regardless of source— that you have received. (This will not disqualify you; we merely want to be aware of this information.)

Description Format

The project should be clearly explained and justified and **free from jargon**. **We will not consider proposals that exceed the 1000 word limit**. The proposal should address the following points in order. Please label each section, paginate, and double-space throughout.

- a) The specific questions, problems, or ideas you will examine and the objectives or results you hope to achieve.
- b) A detailed but concise description of your methodology, approach, and/or procedures. You should make clear how your methods will lead to achieving your project objectives.
- c) Justification for your project. What contribution is the project likely to make, and what is its significance for the humanities?
- d) How does the project fit into existing scholarship in the field? What is its relationship to the work of others in the same area? What is distinct and original about the proposed project?
- e) What is the current state of the project? What is your proposed schedule or specifically laid-out work plan for the fellowship period?

If you are interested in receiving comments from the Center's Directors prior to the application deadline, you may submit a draft of your proposal to Tanner Humanities Center by February 2, 2009.

ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2009 submit **the original copy (paper-clipped) plus 4 stapled photocopies (5 total)** of the completed proposal to Doctoral Fellowship in Mormon Studies Program, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, 215 S. Central Campus Drive Room 110, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112-0312. The Center will notify applicants by April 10, 2009. For further information send questions via e-mail to beth.tracy@thc.utah.edu or telephone the Center at (801) 581-7989.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED COVER SHEET.

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Name: _____ UU ID number _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (other) _____

Department: _____ Field of Specialization: _____

Year Ph.D. or terminal degree program was begun: _____

The title of your research project during fellowship year:

Names, address, and telephone numbers of the two persons whom you have asked to send recommendations directly to the Tanner Humanities Center:

1. _____

2. _____

I waive (), do not waive (), my right to have access to these letters of reference.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Send all required materials by March 1, 2009, to FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, 215 S. CENTRAL CAMPUS DRIVE ROOM 110, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84112-0312, (801) 581-7989.

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Instructions for Referees of Doctoral Fellowship Applicants

It would be helpful to the Center's review panel (most of whom will be outside of this field) if you commented specifically on the applicant's proposed project while keeping in mind the following selection criteria:

- the conception and definition of the research or writing project;
- the project's contribution to the field in specific terms of the work's significance and originality;
- the capability, based on past performance, of this candidate to undertake and complete this project within or shortly after the period of fellowship residency;
- the applicant's writing and analytical abilities, work plan and methodology; and

The Center strives to create an environment for positive intellectual and humanistic exchange. Please comment on the candidate's collegiality and ability to work and interact effectively with fellows, faculty, staff and students, and the likelihood that this candidate will be a full participant in the Tanner Humanities Center.

Please send your letter of reference directly to:

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Tanner Humanities Center
Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building
215 S. Central Campus Drive Room 110
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

The deadline for RECEIPT of reference letters is March 1, 2009.

You may also submit your letter via e-mail to beth.tracy@thc.utah.edu.