

**MICHIGAN-MELLON HUMANITIES FELLOWS IN EGALITARIANISM AND THE METROPOLIS  
APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 1-YEAR POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**

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# Michigan-Mellon Humanities Fellows

## in Egalitarianism and the Metropolis

Applications open for 1-Year or 2-Year Post-Graduate Fellowship  
Submission Deadline: January 11, 2017

**MICHIGAN-MELLON PROJECT ON EGALITARIANISM AND THE METROPOLIS**  
The Michigan-Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis is a 4-year academic and research initiative focused on architecture, urbanism and humanities research in Detroit, Mexico City DF and Rio de Janeiro, and is made possible by a \$1.3 million grant from the A. W. Mellon Foundation. The project allows the particularity of design practices to inform and be informed by broader questions of social justice, social movements and transformative creative arts movements — both historically and contemporaneously. The emphasis on cities and their specificity will focus humanists on linking abstract theories of human interaction with the physical attributes of a city and its histories. The increased expertise in urbanism allows for humanists to better understand the material, geographical, and infrastructural constraints that inform design decisions, while designers benefit from direct engagement with humanities scholarship which can more fully critique the structural inequalities driven by, for example, racial or class disparities arising out of ideologically based that have been embedded to urban development. The project, launched in 2014, includes lecture and seminar courses, research fellowships, symposia, colloquia and films, exhibitions and publications.

**2017-2018 FELLOWSHIPS / MICHIGAN-MELLON HUMANITIES FELLOWS IN EGALITARIANISM AND THE METROPOLIS**  
Humanities Fellows are expected to pursue independent research projects at the intersection of architecture, urbanism and the humanities, with particular emphasis on the role of egalitarianism in shaping urban metropolitan regions. Fellow scholarship and/or creative work should also address aspects of one or more of the focus cities (Detroit, Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro). Fellows will join a vibrant intellectual community where interdisciplinary work is rewarded and new ways of integrating knowledge across the design and humanities disciplines is encouraged and rewarded. Humanities Fellows will teach two classes a year, including two week-long modules affiliated with the Michigan Architecture PhD Program — a semester-long architecture enrichment program for Detroit-based high school juniors. Chosen will be one of their own evening (either a seminar or a lecture course), preferably. Fellows may be asked to teach and/or affiliate with a lecture course on the Program themes and/or large seminar courses focused on aspects of presentational and regulatory issues. Each Fellow will receive each space at the University of Michigan. Fellows are encouraged to seek support from academic agencies if it appears that their academic and creative work will be enhanced by such grants. At the end of each biennial year, Fellows are required to submit a written report on their activities and are encouraged to present their work to a public audience.

**QUALIFICATIONS**  
The University of Michigan invites applications from diverse backgrounds in the humanities (including but not limited to philosophy, art history and visual culture, media and cultural studies, urban studies, English and comparative literatures, comparative studies, Spanish and Portuguese studies, African American and Latin American Studies). Applicants should provide a reflective overview for intersections between their field of study, architecture and urban design. Fellows are expected to be in the early stages of their academic or professional careers. Candidates must be within a calendar year from receipt of their highest degree. This appointment is non-tenure track. This opportunity is open to (1) candidates for a PhD in a humanities-based discipline who have successfully completed their Examination for Admission to Candidacy and (2) candidates who are within a year of completion of their PhD. Candidates should possess and articulate their demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion broadly defined.

**APPOINTMENT DATES**  
2 Humanities Fellows are appointed for one calendar year, extendable to a maximum of 2 years. Each Fellow should designate their term in a 1-year or 2-year fellowship term. The appointment is from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

**APPLICATION**  
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**SUBMISSIONS / APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
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The University of Michigan is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Officers of appointment are contingent upon successful completion of background checks.


