

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities

University of Pennsylvania, Wolf Humanities Center

Five **Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities** are available for the **2020-2021 academic year** on the general **topic of [Choice](#)**. The Wolf Center's Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to junior scholars in the humanities who are no more than five years out of their doctorate. Preference will be given to candidates not yet in tenure track positions, whose proposals are interdisciplinary, who have not previously enjoyed use of the resources of the University of Pennsylvania, and who would particularly benefit from and contribute to Penn's intellectual life.

The programs of the Wolf Humanities Center are conceived through yearly topics that invite broad interdisciplinary collaboration. For the 2020-2021 academic year, our topic will be [Choice](#).

The Fellowship carries a stipend of \$57,900 plus a \$3000 research fund and single-coverage health insurance (fellows are responsible for coverage for any dependents). Fellows teach one undergraduate course in addition to conducting their research.

- The PhD (and its international equivalent, such as the DPhil) is the only eligible terminal degree, and applicants must be humanists or those in such allied fields as anthropology or history of science. Ineligible categories include an MFA or any other doctorate such as EdD, social scientists, scholars in educational curriculum building, and performing artists (note: scholars of performance are eligible).
- Scholars who received or will receive their PhD between December 1, 2014 and December 1, 2019 are eligible to apply. You must have your degree in hand, or have passed your defense, no later than December 1, 2019 to be eligible. Your application will not be considered unless this condition is met (i.e., you are ineligible to apply if you will defend or otherwise submit your dissertation anytime in 2020). You are eligible to apply if you pass your defense by December 1, 2019, but will not graduate until May 2020.
- Scholars are required to spend the year (August–May) in residence at Penn.
- During their year in residence, Fellows pursue their proposed research, are required to teach one course during the year, and must also participate in the Center's weekly Mellon Research Seminar (Tuesdays, 12:00–1:50), presenting their research at one of those seminars.
- The fellowship is open to all scholars, national and international, who meet eligibility requirements.
 - Visa eligibility: International scholars outside of North America are appointed under a J-1 visa (Research Scholar status). Scholars seeking to hold an H-1B visa during the fellowship year at Penn are ineligible (no exceptions can be made). The Wolf Humanities Center reserves the right to cancel awards if the recipient is unable to meet this condition. Applicants should consult the international programs office at their current university to confirm eligibility before applying for this fellowship. If awarded a fellowship, international scholars are required to be in residence August 1, 2020–May 31, 2021.

Applications are accepted via [Interfolio](#) only. The committee cannot comment on the appropriateness of proposals in advance. Do not email your application or c.v., or questions about whether proposed topic is viable. Those submissions and questions will not be considered. The committee cannot comment on the appropriateness of proposals in advance. A careful reading of the [topic description](#) and the [application forms](#) generally answers most questions.