

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF FELLOWS
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1070
(734) 763-1259

Enclosed are application materials for the postdoctoral fellowships offered by the Michigan Society of Fellows, with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. These fellowships are meant to provide financial and intellectual support for outstanding scholars at the beginning of their professional careers. Candidates must have received the Ph.D. or comparable professional or artistic final degree between June 1, 2005, and September 1, 2008.

If you are interested in applying for a fellowship after reading the *Terms of Appointment*, please complete the application materials as early as possible and mail to the address given above. **Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007. There are no exceptions or extensions to this deadline. Please note that an application fee of \$30.00 is required.** Owing to the uncertainties of international mail, overseas applicants should try to post their applications by September 24.

The Society's evaluation of your application will be based on the quality of your proposed research or artistic plan, on your representative work samples, and on your letters of recommendation. We are especially interested in candidates who have an interest in and capacity for interdisciplinary work of a high quality.

The final selection of seven fellows will be made in late-January 2008; all candidates will be informed subsequently about the selection decisions. If you accept another position before our decision has been made, we would be most grateful to be notified of this change in your circumstances.

Please call the Society of Fellows office or send email to society.of.fellows@umich.edu if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,



Donald S. Lopez, Jr.
Arthur E. Link Distinguished University Professor of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies
Department of Asian Languages and Cultures
Chair, Society of Fellows

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TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

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Requirement: The Ph.D. or comparable professional or artistic degree must have been received between June 1, 2005 and September 1, 2008.

Stipend and prerequisites: The annual stipend for Fellows will be \$50,000. The annual appointment period is an academic calendar year, September 1 - May 31. You will be eligible for participation in the University health and life insurance options and, after one year, programs for dental insurance.

Each Fellow will have a three-year appointment as Assistant Professor in an affiliated department of the University and a three-year appointment as Postdoctoral Scholar in the Society of Fellows. The department will provide one-third of the total stipend, the Society the remaining two-thirds. Each Fellow is expected to teach the equivalent of one academic year, *i.e.*, a total of two terms during the fellowship tenure. This appointment is not tenure-track and is equivalent to one year of service. Any subsequent appointment of a Fellow to a position at the University of Michigan would be subject to the rules governing new appointments.

Non-US citizens may apply. If you are awarded the fellowship and are not a United States citizen, the University of Michigan International Center will work with you to obtain a visa to permit employment at the University of Michigan for the three-year fellowship. Owing to the uncertainties of international mail, overseas applicants should try to post their applications by Sept 24.

Applications from degree candidates and recipients of the Ph.D. from the University of Michigan will not be considered.

Miscellaneous conditions: Residence. **Fellows are expected to be in residence in Ann Arbor for the academic years of appointment (September - May) and to participate in the activities of the Society of Fellows. Off-campus research leave during academic terms will be permitted only in rare cases, only for brief periods of time, and only upon written application to the Chair of the Society well in advance of the proposed leave. Any leave granted will count as part of the fellowship tenure.**

Publications. Fellows are asked to cite their affiliation with the Society of Fellows in any publications that result from work done during their tenure and to provide the Society with copies of such published work.

Report on scholarship. At the end of each fellowship year, Fellows are asked to submit a written report on their activities and accomplishments during the year.

Activities. The Society of Fellows is an interdisciplinary intellectual community in which the postdoctoral Fellows are joined by Senior Fellows to share their work in progress. Fellows are expected to participate in monthly colloquia, attend dinners of the Society, and to engage in conversation with other members about their intellectual concerns. They participate in the annual evaluation of new applicants for the Fellowship, serve as evaluators for the Distinguished Dissertations Awards sponsored by the Rackham Graduate School, and act as mentors for graduate students completing their dissertations.

Research assistance: The departments of appointment have primary responsibility for providing office and laboratory or studio space for Fellows, as well as access to other research needs or equipment. The Society will help to assure the cooperation of departments in providing the requisite milieu for the scholarly and creative work of each Fellow. Each Fellow may draw on the Society's funds for research or travel on approval from the Chair and with proper receipts, up to a total of \$1500 per year. Fellows are encouraged to seek support from external agencies if it appears that their scholarly and creative work will be enhanced by such grants.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

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Candidates must arrange to have their application materials postmarked no later than October 1, 2007. If you choose to hand deliver your materials, please contact the office first for the drop-off location. The following materials should be mailed to the Society of Fellows office at the address above. **Please collate in order as follows:**

- 1) **Application Form.** For the DEPARTMENT(S) entry, please designate the academic department(s) you would expect to be affiliated with at the University of Michigan. This is usually the department of your Ph.D. and department(s) in which you are qualified to teach. **Candidates who request review of their applications by more than one department are asked to submit collated second copies of the cover form, the CV, the one-page description, the research proposal, and the work samples. Work samples of slides, compositions, tapes, videos, or published books do not need to be submitted in duplicate.**
- 2) **Application Fee.** The \$30 fee may be paid by check, credit card, or wire transfer. All checks must include a routing number, must be made payable in US dollars to The University of Michigan, and must be drawn on a US bank. Foreign checks will not be accepted.
- 3) **Curriculum Vitae.** Please include the following information: name and location of colleges, graduate and professional schools attended, as well as dates of attendance and degrees earned; relevant business or professional experience; academic honors; languages read, spoken, and written.
- 4) **Personal Statement.** A short (no more than one page, single spaced) **description** of your background, teaching interests, and a brief summary of your proposed research. If you are currently a doctoral candidate, please indicate the anticipated schedule of completion of your thesis. The Ph.D. or comparable professional or artistic degree is a requisite for appointment to the University.
- 5) **Research Proposal.** This proposal should outline the methods and aims of research beyond your thesis or other work on the subject. Please keep in mind that your project proposal will be read by non-specialists, as well as by specialists in your field. Proposals that involve more than one discipline are especially welcome. Most previous proposals have been from 1-6 pages in length.
- 6) **Work Samples.** Include the completed work sample form and selected **work samples** such as offprints, tape recordings, or collection of slides. Because reviewers have limited time for reading each application, candidates must limit the number of work samples (two or three) and length of papers. Please send 2-sided copies of work samples that are longer than 10 pages. Do not send a copy of your dissertation, but you may send the introduction or short chapter within the length limits.
- 7) **Recommendation Receipt List.**
- 8) **Letters of Recommendation.** FOUR letters of recommendation are required from members of the academy who are able to describe from personal knowledge your qualifications for teaching undergraduates and conducting postdoctoral research. These letters must be received by the applicant and forwarded to the Society together with the other application materials. All letters of recommendation must be in sealed envelopes, signed by the recommender across the seal, and included with the application. Dossiers from a career placement office are accepted.

If you wish acknowledgement of receipt of application materials, please send a stamped, self-addressed post card. If you wish to have your work samples returned in February, please include a self-addressed envelope.

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Please complete and return this cover form with your application materials and \$30 application fee.

___ Dr. ___ Ms. ___ Mr. ___ Other

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

_____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS in JANUARY 2008, if changed _____

OFFICE ADDRESS _____

_____ PHONE _____

ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS _____

YEAR WHEN PhD AWARDED/EXPECTED ___ 2005 ___ 2006 ___ 2007 ___ 2008 (Must be before Sept)

UNIVERSITY GRANTING PhD: _____

DEPARTMENT(S) to which you would like to apply. Applying to only one department is fine.

1) Primary Department. _____

2) Second Department. _____ If applying to two, you must send a collated copy of all materials so that we can have your application reviewed by both departments.

RESEARCH TOPIC _____

WORK SAMPLES SHOULD BE RETURNED? ___ No ___ Yes (If yes, then you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope)

NAMES AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS OF RECOMMENDERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Please check here if you waive the right to review letters of recommendation.

Signature

Date

Michigan Society of Fellows Recommendation Receipt List

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: _____

SECOND DEPARTMENT: _____

ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAMES AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS OF RECOMMENDERS:

1. _____

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WORK SAMPLES: Please collate this form with your work samples.

NAME _____

Titles of work samples you are submitting in support of your application:

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Work samples will be returned only if you submit a self-addressed mailer.

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**Application Fee Payment Form
2008-2011 Fellowship Competition**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PAYMENT OF \$30.00 (USD) MUST BE RENDERED BY CHECK* OR CREDIT CARD:

CHECK ENCLOSED _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER/NOVUS _____

CARDHOLDER NAME _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE _____

SECURITY CODE _____

*Please note that the University of Michigan will not accept checks drawn on foreign banks.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

_____ is a candidate for a postdoctoral fellowship in the Michigan Society of Fellows. A description of the program is given below.

We are interested in your appraisal of the candidate's qualifications for such a fellowship. Since our Fellows work especially on their own, it is important that we have your judgment as to their readiness for independent scholarship or artistic work. The Society is an interdisciplinary intellectual community whose members share discoveries and ideas, and it is equally important that we have your sense of the candidate's capacity to participate in and contribute to a standing conversation of this kind.

The standard for intellectual and creative work established by the Fellows in prior years is extraordinarily high. We are looking for real academic leaders and hope you will speak to the candidate's capacities with this in mind.

Please place your recommendation letter in an envelope, seal the envelope, and sign your name across the seal. Please return it to the applicant by September 24. The applicant will submit the sealed envelope containing your recommendation as part of the admission application.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Michigan Society of Fellows was founded in 1970 through grants from the Ford Foundation and the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School to promote academic and creative excellence in the humanities and the arts, in the sciences, and in the professions. In 2007, the Mellon Foundation awarded a grant to add three Mellon Fellows annually in the humanities, expanding the number of awards each year from four to seven. The Society provides financial support and the time for productive scholarship to individuals who are selected for their professional achievement and promise, and for interdisciplinary interests. Four postdoctoral Fellows will be selected for three-year terms to begin in September 2008.

Candidates should be near the beginning of their professional careers. The Ph.D. or comparable professional or artistic degree must be received between June 1, 2005, and September 1, 2008. Fellows are appointed as Assistant Professors in appropriate departments and as Postdoctoral Scholars in the Michigan Society of Fellows. They are expected to teach for the equivalent of one academic year, to participate in the interdisciplinary intellectual life of the Society, and to complete independent research projects.

An Equal Opportunity Program