The Center for 21st Century Studies (C21) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee leads the way in imagining, defining, and creating the burgeoning field of 21st century studies, focusing on the intersection of the humanities, arts, and sciences (social and natural) with issues of compelling concern. C21 organizes its research and public programs around themes that change periodically. Each year C21 constitutes a group of six to eight UWM faculty fellows, and at least one UW System fellow, whose research interests relate to the theme. Nationally and internationally known scholars are brought to campus to address the topic of the year’s research in seminars, lectures, and conferences.

For 2012–13, C21 is also offering a Provost Fellowship in interdisciplinary humanities to a post-doctoral candidate from beyond UWM and the UW System. This fellowship provides a $40,000 stipend, with additional travel stipend available (international applications welcome).

Applications due: March 16, 2012

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must have received their doctorates within five academic years previous to the year of award. The Provost fellowship is designed to further broaden the academic networks of the group of faculty in residence at C21, and is thus unavailable to UW-Milwaukee and UW System faculty. The fellowship is awarded to support interdisciplinary research projects in the humanities, which include, but are not limited to, philosophy, history, literature, religious studies, and art history. Proposals employing humanistic approaches from the social and natural sciences and the arts are also welcome. Applicants should be working on topics related to the 2012–13 theme, “What Should 21st Century Studies Do?” This theme extends and deepens the 2011–12 theme, “What is 21st Century Studies?” A detailed description of the theme is available on the C21 website: http://www4.uwm.edu/c21/pages/research/themes.html

TERMS
The Provost fellow is expected to be in residence for one academic year and participate in bi-weekly fellows’ seminars, public events and lectures, as well as the Center’s major annual conference. The fellow is expected to make a public presentation of research at some point during the year. The fellow is provided with office space and library privileges. The Provost fellowship may be held concurrently with other grants, and with sabbatical or other support from home institutions. The fellowships do not carry health insurance or other benefits.

TO APPLY
Please email application materials as .pdf attachments to C21director Richard Grusin’s attention, c21@uwm.edu:
• a three- to four-page description of your research project (maximum 1,000 words). Explain how it fits into your past research and plans for future research, and how it fits with the C21 theme
• a curriculum vitae
• a recent offprint or manuscript (article length)

In addition, please arrange for three letters of reference from senior scholars familiar with your work and the project you are proposing to be sent directly to C21 director Richard Grusin’s attention, c21@uwm.edu.

RESIDENCY
August 20, 2012 – May 19, 2013