



Center for 21st Century Studies

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CALL FOR FELLOWS
Center for 21st Century Studies
(2018-19)

Application Deadline: Thursday, January 11, 2018

Background: For nearly fifty years, the Center for 21st Century Studies (C21) has led the way in imagining, defining, and creating the fields of 20th and 21st century studies. A UW System Center of Excellence, C21 focuses on the intersection of the humanities, arts, and sciences (social and natural) with issues of compelling concern. Nationally and internationally known scholars are brought to campus to address the UWM community in seminars, lectures, and conferences. Each year the Center constitutes a group of UWM fellows, as well as one or two external fellows, who are provided release time from teaching to pursue their research interests and to participate in biweekly seminars. All of these activities contribute to C21's mission to imagine, define, and create the emergent field of 21st century studies.

Research Projects: Beginning in 2018-19, the Center's 50th anniversary year, C21 will move away from its previous focus on particular themes that change from year to year. Instead, the Center will organize its research and public programs around three ongoing areas of interdisciplinary humanities research: critical, public, and digital humanities. **Critical** humanities describes the continuation of the Center's ongoing focus on critical and theoretical interdisciplinary scholarship and research. **Public** humanities entails both the communication of humanities research outside the walls of the university and the humanistic engagement with local, regional, and national communities. **Digital** humanities research focuses on the remediation of print texts and artifacts in digital formats, as well as on the creation of new critical methodologies for analyzing digital media.

Faculty and academic staff are invited to propose research topics that fall under one or more of the Center's three areas of research in critical, public, or digital humanities. Preference will go to the strongest applications, but every effort will be made to ensure distribution across these three focus areas. All projects should involve substantive academic research, but the final products could take the form of the traditional scholarly article or book, the creation of public-facing events like exhibitions or performances, community programs, or the development of digital interfaces, archives, or artifacts.

Terms/Eligibility of Faculty for Fellowships: UWM faculty in all departments who hold the rank of assistant, associate, or full professor may apply. Faculty fellows receive a reduction in their teaching responsibilities sufficient to bring their course load down to one course each semester, as well as being relieved from major committee work. The Center provides each fellow with access to office space on the ninth floor of Curtin Hall and with research assistance (library assistance, duplication, etc.) as resources permit. Each fellow is expected to participate in the biweekly Center fellows' seminar and to attend all C21 public programs throughout the year. Fellows are expected to give a public presentation on his or her research no later than the academic year following the fellowship. Fellows will be required to produce **at least one** grant proposal from their fellowship year, with support from C21 and the Office of Sponsored Research. No one may hold a Center fellowship more than twice in a five-year period.

Terms/Eligibility of Academic Staff for Fellowships: UWM academic staff in all departments may apply. C21 will work with academic staff on a case-by-case basis to provide compensation for participating in the seminar. The Center provides each fellow with access to office space on the ninth floor of Curtin Hall and with research assistance (library assistance, duplication, etc.) as resources permit. Each fellow is expected to participate in the biweekly Center fellows' seminar and to attend all C21 public programs throughout the year. Fellows are expected to give a public presentation on his or her research no later than the academic year following the fellowship. Fellows will be required to produce **at least one** grant proposal from their fellowship year, with support from C21 and the Office of Sponsored Research. No one may hold a Center fellowship more than twice in a five-year period.

Procedures: Submit a single pdf including the following components as an email attachment to c21@uwm.edu

- an application cover sheet (available online at <http://www4.uwm.edu/c21/pages/opportunities/forFaculty.html>)
- a four-page statement (roughly 1000 words), describing your research project and its relation to one or more of the Center's three areas of focus, in which you explain how it fits into your past research (if applicable) and future plans for research
- a curriculum vitae
- a recent offprint, manuscript (article length), or example of artwork

You are responsible for informing the chair of your department (or appropriate supervisor) that you are applying for a 2018-19 Center fellowship to ensure that your full participation as a C21 Fellow will be supported by your department.