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Call for Proposals: First Book Fellowships

Description

In recognition of the challenges faced by early career tenure-track faculty in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Simpson Center will pilot support for First Books during the summer of 2021.

We will offer funding for assistant professors to give intensive attention to first book manuscripts that are near completion. Applicants may propose, for example, to finish revisions before submitting the entire manuscript to a press for the first time, to undertake late-stage revisions in response to peer-review feedback, and / or to prepare the final accepted manuscript for publication, including responding to copy-editing, selecting illustrations, obtaining permissions, etc. **The deadline for proposals is Monday, March 15, 2021.** At a minimum we expect to award support to four faculty members.

Eligibility

Tenure-track, junior faculty in the humanities and humanistic social sciences whose appointment carries with it the expectation of a book for tenure and who are in the final stages of completing their first book manuscript.

Terms of Award

Summer support of \$7500, with funds taken either as research support or salary (if funds are taken as salary, benefits costs will be deducted from the total award amount).

Our plan is that recipients of this funding will meet once a week to discuss their projects. We expect those meetings will be held in July. The intent of this summer support is to allow fellows to devote themselves full-time to their book projects. Fellows are required to be in residence, with no competing demands, including teaching or other paid work.

Application Materials

- Description of project, progress to date, and work to be undertaken during the summer (no more than three pages)
- CV (no more than three pages)
- Note of support from chair of the department which should speak to the expected timeline of tenure review

Please direct any questions to Rachel Arteaga, Simpson Center Assistant Director, at rarteaga@uw.edu.