

IPRH Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship in Environmental, 2017–20

General Overview:

The **IPRH-Mellon Faculty Fellow** will serve as the director for the **IPRH-Mellon Environmental Humanities Research Group**, beginning with his or her appointment in spring 2017, and concluding in the 2020–21 academic year. The period of most active administration of the research group will be concentrated in the 2018–19 and 2019–20 academic years, when the full research group is active. The Faculty Fellow will serve as the primary supervisor for the research group and will report directly to the PI (Antoinette Burton) on all activities pertaining to and funded by the grant. He/she will serve as a mentor for the post-doctoral fellows (who have 2-year terms, 2018–2020), pre-doctoral fellows (who have one-year terms, 2018–19 or 2019–20), and undergraduate interns (who have one-year terms, 2018–19 or 2019–20), and as the leader for the research group's initiatives. The Faculty Fellow will be provided with complete release from teaching for the 2018–19 academic year, and will be required to teach two new undergraduate courses for the developing undergraduate certificate program—one each semester—in the 2019–20 academic year, while still receiving full course release from his/her department(s). The Faculty Fellow will have managerial responsibilities that will be carried out in consultation with and under the oversight of the PI. These responsibilities will include management of the research group's funds, planning and organization of the group's activities, and mentoring the post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellows, as well as mentoring and supervision of the undergraduate interns. The Faculty Fellow will be responsible for working with the relevant campus offices to ensure the continuity of the undergraduate curriculum and Environmental Humanities certificate opportunity after the IPRH-Mellon Research Group's activities are completed. Please note that this is an *internal* fellowship, open only to current University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *tenured* professors.

Duties and Responsibilities of the IPRH-Mellon Faculty Fellow:

- In collaboration with the research-group participants, define and articulate the direction, objectives, goals, and projected outcomes of the research group;
- Working with the grant PI, help select the post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellows, and undergraduate interns who will be the primary participants in the research group;
- Recruit and include a robust group of campus participants (faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students) as unpaid participants in the research group, taking care to be as inclusive as possible;
- Direct and supervise all research-group activities:
- Supervise expenditures from the research accounts of the post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellows, and the undergraduate interns;
- Direct and supervise undergraduate interns to ensure sure they are included in the research activities of the group, and provide mentoring to each student to guide interns in developing their own research projects pertaining to environmental humanities;

- Assist with the development and staging of two undergraduate symposia (one each active year of the research group: 2018–19 and 2019–20);
- Lead the development and staging of all activities developed by the research group;
- Develop a coherent plan for the dissemination of the research group’s products/outcomes;
- Develop and help to implement the curriculum for an undergraduate certificate program in environmental humanities;

Time Commitment:

The teaching release time for this fellowship is two academic years. However, the IPRH-Mellon Faculty Fellow will be required to commit portions of his or her time to the project in the year leading up to the initiation of the research group, and in the year following the cessation of its official activities. In the year leading up to the launch of the research group (2017–18), the Faculty Fellow will assist and consult on the selection of the post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellows, and the undergraduate interns who will comprise the research group, and lay some programming/activity groundwork. In the year *following* the end of the official research group activities (2021–20), the Faculty Fellow will continue to teach one environmental humanities course developed by the research group for the undergraduate certificate in environmental humanities, and she/he will work to finalize the certificate program’s place in the campus’s curriculum.

Compensation/Terms of Fellowship:

- The Faculty Fellow will be released from normal teaching responsibilities in his or her home unit(s) for two academic years (2018–20). However, the Fellow will be expected to continue to fulfill his or her obligations to graduate students working under the Fellow’s supervision. The Fellow will be required to teach two environmental humanities courses (one per semester) developed by the research group in the second year (2019–20) of the fellowship period, as well as one course in environmental humanities in the third year (2020–21).
- Because of the significant managerial/administrative tasks associated with this fellowship, the Fellow’s home department(s) will be asked to substantially reduce the departmental service activities for the Faculty Fellow during the two-year period of teaching release (AY 2018–19 and 19–20).
- The Mellon grant funding this Faculty Fellowship provides \$65,00 of salary replacement per year for two years (AY 2018–19 and 2019–20). The Mellon Foundation agreement dictates that the salary, or non-fringe-benefits, portion of this \$65,000 goes to the home department(s) to compensate for the Faculty Fellow’s absence. If the Faculty Fellow has a joint appointment, each year’s salary portion of the \$65K will be split proportionally, according to the fellow’s FTE in each department/unit. Please note that whatever fringe benefit rate is operable during the Fellowship tenure will be applied, and it may vary/increase during that period.

- The Faculty Fellow will be allocated \$10,000 per year for two years (AY 2018–19 and 19–20), for a total of \$20,000, to be used in support of the Faculty Fellow’s research.
- The Research Group will be allocated \$25,000 per year for two years (AY 2018–19 and 19–20), for a total of \$50,000, to support the group’s activities. The Faculty Fellow will supervise and manage the use of these research funds, monitoring compliance with university, state, and Mellon Foundation requirements and restrictions. The Faculty Fellow will provide required periodic reports on these accounts to the PI according to a schedule to be provided.
- The Faculty Fellow will be required to meet with the PI on a regular basis (to be determined) to report on the Research Group’s activities and progress. She or he will be required to file written reports to the PI on a semi-annual basis (deadlines to be determined).

Eligibility:

This fellowship is open to Urbana Campus tenured faculty only. Both associate professors and professors are eligible to apply. Applicants should have a history of scholarship in environmental humanities topics/areas.

Application Requirements/Guidelines:

Please email the following documents as *one pdf* to IPRH@illinois.edu by 5 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

1. Completed application cover sheet (downloadable from the IPRH website):
2. Completed Unit Executive Officer(s) and Dean Approval form (downloadable from the IPRH website);
3. Statement of Interest: (1,000 words max, double-spaced, with one-inch margins): To include indication of your research expertise and its fit with the environmental humanities subject area, reasons for wanting to lead and collaborate with a group of scholars and students, perspective on this opportunity, etc. General overview of ideas for organizing and motivating the research group.
4. Statement of qualifications (1,000 words max, double-spaced, with one-inch margins): This should include indications of past administrative/managerial experience and evidence of ability to collaborate with inter-generational and interdisciplinary groups of scholars and students, as well as an indication of experience managing budgets.
5. Abbreviated cv (5 pages max, Times New Roman, 12-point)

In addition, applicants must arrange for *two letters of recommendation* to be sent directly to IPRH by their referees. At least one letter must be from an *on-campus* source. Referees should email their letters, clearly indicating for whom they are writing, to IPRH @illinois.edu by 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2017.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2017, by 5 p.m.

All application materials, including letters of reference, must be received by this deadline in order for a candidate's application to be considered complete and eligible for consideration. It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor and ensure timely submission of all documents, including letters of reference.

Questions about this fellowship may be addressed to Nancy Castro, Associate Director of IPRH, at ncastro@illinois.edu or (217) 244-7913.