IPRH-Ragdale Residential Creative Fellowship, 2019

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, IPRH and Ragdale are pleased to offer this summer fellowship opportunity at Ragdale for Illinois tenure-track and specialized faculty who hold full-time positions in Creative Writing, Art + Design, Music, Dance, Theatre, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture. Tenure-line or full-time specialized creative practitioners in other related disciplines are also eligible to apply.

Ragdale is a non-profit artists' community in Lake Forest, Illinois (30 miles north of Chicago), that offers more than 150 residencies and fellowships annually. Ragdale is one of the largest interdisciplinary artists' communities in the country; each session provides 13 artists-in-residence with uninterrupted time for their work in a supportive environment that includes the historic Arts and Crafts-style home of architect Howard Van Doren Shaw, beautiful grounds, and a 50-acre prairie. To learn more about Ragdale, please see its website: ragdale.org

Eligibility

Applicants must be tenure-track or specialized faculty who hold full-time positions in Creative Writing, Art + Design, Music, Dance, Theatre, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture. Tenure-line or full-time faculty in other related disciplines who are also creative practitioners are also eligible to apply.

Terms of Fellowship

This opportunity provides full funding for one summer fellowship in residence at Ragdale. In summer 2019, the selected fellow has the choice of taking the residence during one of the following two sessions:

- June 24 through July 12, 2019
- July 22 through August 2, 2019

For these sessions, Ragdale can host a musician/composer who provides their own instruments, writer, or visual artist. The Fellow will be provided with accommodations on the Ragdale property, including a family-style dinner each evening. The Fellow will be responsible for his/her transportation costs and materials/supplies related to his/her work.

The IPRH-Ragdale Fellow will be required to give one public presentation of his or her work within 18 months of the fellowship award (for example, a public reading, lecture, open studio, or similar type of presentation). The presentation will take place at Ragdale, or a venue determined by the Ragdale Executive Director, in consultation with the IPRH Director. These events have been successful in sharing the Ragdale vision with students, educators, and the general public.

Application Guidelines
Please send the following, as a single pdf to IPRH@illinois.edu by the application deadline.

- Completed Application Cover Sheet (Download here).
- Work narrative/statement of work (no more than 1500 words, double-spaced). This should explain precisely how the applicant plans to use his or her time during the fellowship period, including a concise statement of goals/work plan.
- 2-page curriculum vitae, highlighting creative accomplishments of the past decade.

In addition, please have two (2) letters of reference (both may come from U of I faculty), forwarded to IPRH@illinois.edu by the application deadline.

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Selection Process

The fellowship decision will be made by a faculty committee. The IPRH Director will serve in an ex officio capacity. Notification of award will be made in November 2018.

Questions about these fellowships may be addressed to Nancy Castro at ncastro@illinois.edu or 244-7913.