IPRH Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship in Legal Humanities, 2019–22

General Overview:

The IPRH-Mellon Faculty Fellow will serve as the director for the IPRH-Mellon Legal Humanities Research Group, beginning with his or her appointment in spring 2019, and concluding in the 2022–23 academic year. The period of most active administration of the research group will be concentrated in the 2020–21 and 2021–22 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, 2020–2022), pre-doctoral fellows (who have one-year terms, 2020–21 or 2021–22), and undergraduate interns (who have one-year terms, 2020–21 or 2021–22), and as the leader for the research group’s initiatives.

The Faculty Fellow will be provided with complete release from teaching for the 2020–21 academic year and will be required to teach two new undergraduate courses for the developing undergraduate certificate program—one each semester—in the 2021–22 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 Legal 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’s activities, 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 legal humanities;
• Assist with the development and staging of two undergraduate symposia (one each active year of the research group: 2020–21 and 2021–22);

• 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 legal humanities;

**Time Commitment:**

The teaching release time from the home department(s) for this fellowship is two academic years (2020-21, 2021-22). 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 (2019–20), the Faculty Fellow will assist with and consult on the selection of the post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellows, and the undergraduate interns who will comprise the research group, and will lay some programming/activity groundwork. In the year following the end of the official research group activities (2022–23), the Faculty Fellow will continue to teach one legal humanities course developed by the research group (“meeting with” a course in a home department and, hence, on departmental load) for the undergraduate certificate in legal 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 (2020–22). 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 legal humanities courses (one per semester) developed by the research group in the second year (2021–22) of the fellowship period, as well as one course in legal humanities in the third year (2022–23).

- 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 2020–21 and 21–22).

- The Mellon grant funding this Faculty Fellowship provides $65,000 of salary replacement per year for two years (AY 2020–21 and 2021–22). 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 2020–21 and 21–22), 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 2020–21 and 21–22), 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 the group’s expenditures 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 who possess a Ph.D. in a humanities discipline. Both associate professors and professors are eligible to apply. Applicants should have a history of scholarship in legal humanities topics/areas. Ideally, applicants also have leadership experience to bring to the role of research group director (which involves leading research, programming and curricular development).

**Application Requirements/Guidelines:**

Please email the following documents in pdf format 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, 12-point Times New Roman font): To include indication of your research expertise and its fit with the legal 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, 12-point Times New Roman font): 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; it needn’t be double-spaced, and can be in a font of your choice, but please think of the committee and make it easily legible).
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 1, 2019.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2019, 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, Deputy Director of IPRH, at ncastro@illinois.edu or (217) 244-7913.