



University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning  
University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:**

**MICHIGAN-MELLON HUMANITIES FELLOWS IN EGALITARIANISM AND THE METROPOLIS 1-YEAR POST-PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**What is the Michigan/Mellon Project**

The Michigan/Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis is a 4-year academic and research initiative focused on architecture, urbanism and humanities research in Detroit, Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro, is made possible by a \$1.3 million grant from the A. W. Mellon Foundation. The project allows theory and practice to inform and be informed by questions of social justice, social movements and transformative creative arts movements - both past and present. The emphasis on cities and their specificity will focus humanists on linking theories of human interaction and collective life with the physical space of a city and its histories. The increased expertise in urbanism allows for humanists to better understand the market forces and economic constraints that inform design decisions that directly affect human life. Designers benefit from direct engagement with humanities scholarship that can more amply critique the structural inequalities driven by, for example, racial or socio-economic disparities (arising out of ideological biases) that have been impediments to urban development. The project, launched in Fall 2014, includes lecture and seminar courses, research fellowships, symposia, colloquia and films, exhibitions and publications.

**Michigan/Mellon 2015-16 Humanities Fellows**

Humanities Fellows are expected to pursue independent research projects at the intersection of architecture, urbanism and the humanities, with particular emphasis on the role of egalitarianism in shaping metropolitan regions. Fellows' research work should also address aspects of one or more of the cities-metros (Detroit, Mexico City DF and/or Rio de Janeiro). Through faculty mentorship, colloquia and symposia, Fellows will join an intellectual community in which work in progress is shared and interrogated by a community of scholars and designers. Humanities Fellows will teach three seminar/discussion sections per year - these sections may be affiliated with a lecture course on the Program themes and/or large seminar courses focussed on aspects of post-industrial and megacity issues. Each Fellow will receive work space at the University of Michigan. Fellows are encouraged to seek support from external agencies if it appears that their scholarly and creative work will be enhanced by such grants. At the end of each fellowship year, Fellows are required to submit a written report on their activities and are encouraged to present their work to a public audience.

**Qualifications**

The University of Michigan invites applications from diverse backgrounds in the humanities (including but not limited to area studies, classics, history, philosophy, visual arts, art history, media and cultural studies, urban studies, literature and romance studies). Applicants should possess a capacious appetite for intersections between their field of study, architecture and urbanism. Applicants should possess an interest in teaching and a demonstrated interest in cultural and disciplinary diversity. Fellows are expected to be in the early stages of their academic or professional careers. Candidates must be within 4 calendar years from receipt of their highest degree. This appointment is not tenure-track. This opportunity is open to 1) candidates for a PhD in a humanities-based discipline who have successfully completed their Examination for Admission to Candidacy and 2) candidates who are within 4 years of completion of their PhD.

**Appointment Dates**

2 Humanities Fellows are appointed for one calendar year, extendable to a maximum of 2 years. Each Fellow should designate interest in a 1-year or 2-year fellowship term. The appointment is from August 1, 2015 to August 1, 2016.

**Compensation/Benefits**

Humanities Fellows will receive a \$45,000 in compensation that includes fringe and health benefits. Fellows are eligible for participation in the University health, dental and life insurance programs. Each Fellow will receive 1 research stipend of \$1,500 per calendar year that may be used for research-related expenses.

**Application Materials**

*Application Documents must be submitted via email as a single PDF file of moderate size.*

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae (including degrees earned, experience and honors)
3. Research Project Statement (max. 1 page)
4. Teaching Interest Statement (max. 1 page)
5. Diversity Statement (max 1 page describing evidence of commitment to cultural diversity)
6. Writing Sample (may include visual work) (max. 15 pages)
7. Recommendation Letters (2)

**Submission Deadline:**

April 3, 2015

**Submission Information:**

Submit Application Materials via email as PDF files to:  
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**Contacts / Questions:**

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