Michigan-Mellon Design Fellows
in Egalitarianism and the Metropolis

Call for Applications: 1-Year Post-Professional Fellowship for 2015-2016
Submission Deadline: April 3, 2015

WHAT IS THE MICHIGAN-MELLON PROJECT?
The Michigan-Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis is a 5-year academic and research initiative focused on architecture, urbanism and humanities research in Detroit, Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro. It is made possible by a $1.2 million grant from the A. W. Mellon Foundation. The project allows design 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 specificities will focus humanities 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 humanities to better understand the market forces and economic constraints that inform design decisions that directly affect human life. The project, launched in Fall 2014, includes lecture and seminar courses, symposia, colloquia and films, exhibitions and publications.

MICHIGAN-MELLON 2015 DESIGN FELLOWS
Design fellows are expected to pursue research-driven projects at the intersection of architecture, planning, and the humanities, with particular emphasis on the role of egalitarianism in shaping metropolises. Fellows research work should lead to academic or professional work that weart toward the development of a free, just, and open society.

DESCRIPTION OF FELLOWSHIP
The Michigan-Mellon Fellowship is expected to lead to a community of designers and scholars. Design fellows and their two design studio fellows work in the Michigan-Mellon Fellows Program — an immersive design and architecture program for high school juniors and seniors. Fellows work under the guidance of leading architect and designer along with other scholars and professionals in the fields of humanities and social science. Fellows are encouraged to seek additional guidance from local experts and are encouraged to present their work at conferences and other public venues.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The University of Michigan offers opportunities for engagement with projects and programs that reflect the principles of egalitarianism and the Metropolis. Fellows are encouraged to participate in projects and programs that are designed to foster dialogue and understanding in contemporary issues of culture and environment. Fellows will be able to work on projects and initiatives that reflect their interests and engage in research and creative practice.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
- Resume
- Brief statement of interest (1-2 pages)
- Writing sample: 2-4 pages
- Transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation

Fellows will be selected based on their potential to contribute to the Michigan-Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis. Fellows are expected to be in the early stages of their academic or professional careers. Fellows must be within one calendar year from receipt of their highest degree. The fellowship is valued at $50,000 (tax exempt).

APPOINTMENT DATES
Fellowships are awarded for one academic year and begin in September of the year following the award announcement. The fellowship is one year in length. Fellows are expected to begin their fellowship within one year of the award announcement.

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Applications will be accepted until April 3, 2015.

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