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MICHIGAN-MELLON DESIGN FELLOWS IN EGALITARIANISM AND THE METROPOLIS APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 1-YEAR POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Michigan-Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis

The Michigan/Mellon Project on Egalitarianism and the Metropolis is a 4.5-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 \$1.3 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 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.

For more information on the Project:

<https://taubmancollege.umich.edu/research/michigan-mellon-project-egalitarianism-and-metropolis>

<https://mellon.org/initiatives/University-of-Michigan/participating-institutions/>

2017-2018 Fellowships

Michigan-Mellon Design Fellows in Egalitarianism and the Metropolis

Design 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 urban metropolitan regions. Fellows' scholarship and/or creative work should also address aspects of one or more of the focus cities (Detroit, Mexico City DF and Rio de Janeiro). Fellows will join a vibrant intellectual community where interdisciplinary work is welcomed and new ways of integrating knowledge across the design and humanities disciplines is encouraged and incentivized. Humanities Fellows will teach three design studios per year in the Michigan Architecture Prep Program - a semester-long architecture enrichment program for Detroit-based high school juniors. Each Fellow will receive work space at the Michigan Research Studio, a 3,700sf space in midtown Detroit. 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 graduates of accredited professional degree programs in architecture who possess high levels of proficiency in architecture and urban design, fluency in contemporary visual culture, and familiarity with humanities disciplines relevant to their work. 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. Candidates should possess a passion for studio-based teaching, and should articulate their demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion broadly defined.

**Appointment
Dates**

2 Design 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, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

**Compensation/
Benefits**

Design Fellows will receive a \$ 48,000 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 \$3,200 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.
Letter of Interest
Curriculum Vitae (including degrees earned, experience, honors)
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement (work and accomplishments in DEI-related areas)
Research Project Statement (max 3 pages: outlining 1-year or 2-year project)
Teaching Interest Statement (max 1 page: outlining interest in teaching/learning)
Portfolio of Creative Work (max 10 pages)
Writing Sample (max 10 pages)
Recommendation Letters (2 Letters sent directly from recommender to Kate Grandfield)

Submissions

Submission Deadline: January 11, 2017
Submit Application Documents via a single PDF to:
Kate Grandfield, Project Administrator
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Questions

Program Questions:
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