THE HARRY RANSOM CENTER, an internationally renowned humanities research library and museum at The University of Texas at Austin, annually awards over 50 fellowships to support projects that require substantial on-site use of its collections. The fellowships support research in all areas of the humanities, including literature, photography, film, art, the performing arts, music, and cultural history.

ONE TO THREE MONTH FELLOWSHIPS
$3,000 PER MONTH
One to three month fellowships are available for post-doctorates or independent scholars whose projects require extensive work with the Ransom Center's collections.

TRAVEL STIPENDS
$1,200 (DOMESTIC) OR $1,700 (INTERNATIONAL)
Travel stipends are available for post-doctorates or independent scholars whose projects require less than one month’s work with the Center’s collections. Travel stipends may not be combined with other Ransom Center fellowships.

DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS
$1,500
Six fellowships jointly sponsored by the Ransom Center and The University of Texas at Austin Office of Graduate Studies are designated for graduate students who are working on doctoral dissertations.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012
www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

A complete application consists of two copies of a four-page proposal and two letters of recommendation in sealed, signed envelopes. The applicant should submit all materials together. Dissertation fellowship applicants need submit only one letter of recommendation. Complete applications for 2012-2013 research fellowships must be received by February 1, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants, with the exception of applicants for dissertation fellowships, must be post-doctorates or independent scholars with a substantial record of publication. If the Ph.D. is in progress, the proposal and letters of recommendation must clearly indicate a June 1, 2012 completion in order to be eligible for 2012-2013 fellowships. Dissertation fellowship applicants must be doctoral candidates and be at work on the dissertation by the time of application. United States citizens and foreign nationals are eligible to apply. Individuals who have previously received a Ransom Center fellowship are eligible to reapply after two years have passed. All things being equal, however, preference is given to applicants who have not previously held a Ransom Center fellowship.

PROPOSAL PAGE ONE

List your name; institutional affiliation (if any); preferred mailing address, email address, and telephone number; the category of fellowship requested (one, two, or three months; travel stipend; or dissertation fellowship), and a brief project title. For administrative purposes, please also indicate where you learned about the Ransom Center fellowships (e.g., colleague, advertisement, promotional poster). Previous recipients of Ransom Center fellowships must list the year of the fellowship(s) and any resulting publications, indicating whether copies have been sent to the Center. Current members of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) must indicate their membership in order to be considered for the ASECS fellowship.

PROPOSAL PAGE TWO

Provide a summary of the proposed research project. Bear in mind that you are writing for a multi-disciplinary faculty committee, so research topics and their significance should be thoroughly explained. Place the project in the context of its larger field of study and describe the anticipated result of the project (journal article, book, edited volume, or other format).

PROPOSAL PAGE THREE

Describe in detail your anticipated use of Ransom Center collections. Please discuss specific collection materials and their relevance to the project.

PROPOSAL PAGE FOUR

Provide an abbreviated, one-page curriculum vitae stressing relevant publications. No other items should be appended to the proposal, which should not exceed four pages in length.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applications for one to three month fellowships and travel stipends must include two confidential letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to judge the proposal. Applications for dissertation fellowships must include a single letter of recommendation from the dissertation director or an appropriate member of the dissertation committee. All letters should be sent to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope. If not submitted with the proposal, Letters of recommendation should not be submitted to the Center independently. Faxed and emailed letters will not be accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Complete applications for 2012-2013 fellowships must be received by February 1, 2012. Applications received after this deadline or transmitted by fax or email will not be considered. The Ransom Center will acknowledge the receipt of complete applications if a self-addressed, stamped postcard is sent with the proposal (U.S. postage only). We will return the card upon receipt of the complete application.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Decisions will be announced by letter, mailed on or before March 30, 2012. Queries about applications in process cannot be acknowledged. Fellowship recipients and their research projects may be acknowledged in Ransom Center publicity.

RESIDENCY

Residencies must be taken up during the period from June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013, or from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 for dissertation fellowships. During their residency period, fellows are expected to have a significant, consistent presence at the Center. Complete information about the policies and expectations may be found in the fellowship guidelines at www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships.

ABOUT THE COLLECTIONS

General information about the Center’s collections may be found online at www.hrc.utexas.edu. Specific inquiries about the relevance of the Center’s holdings to a research project may be directed to the appropriate curator. A complete list of subject-area curators, librarians, and their contact information may be found in the fellowship application instructions at www.hrc.utexas.edu/ fellowships. Please contact only one curator or librarian to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. If more than one collection is involved, we will see that your message is properly forwarded. Please request information from curators by January 1. After that date, we cannot guarantee a response before the application deadline.

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