TRAVEL STIPENDS

The Harry Ransom Center, one of the world’s foremost institutions for research in literature and the arts, announces its 2007-2008 Research Fellowship Program.

Approximately 50 fellowships are awarded annually by the Ransom Center to support scholarly research projects in all areas of the humanities. Priority, however, will be given to those proposals that concentrate on the Center’s collections and that require substantial on-site use of them.

This year’s special topic will be in Times of War. We encourage applications from scholars investigating the transatlantic cultural exchange of ideas, in particular, but not exclusively those affected by times of war. We hope to foster inquiry into the nature of the cultural and intellectual dialog between Europe and the United States. Special consideration will be given to research proposals that address any of these cultures.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2007

One-Month Fellowships | $3,000 per month

The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies jointly sponsors with the Ransom Center two fellowships for literary, cultural, or historical study in this period. Applicants must be members of ASECS at the time of application.

The British Studies Fellowship supports research in British literary, cultural, and historical subjects.

The Cline Memorial Fellowship supports research on nineteenth- or early twentieth-century British topics.

The Dorot Foundation Fellowships in Jewish Studies support a number of awards for research on Jewish authors and on relevant cultural topics requiring research in the Center’s collections.

The Hobby Family Foundation Fellowship supports research in general literary studies.

One limited number of Dorot Foundation Fellowships in Jewish Studies and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowships may be awarded for periods of residency up to four months to scholars whose projects require extended use of the Ransom Center’s collections. Dorot Fellowships may, in exceptional cases, be awarded for longer periods.

Dissertation Fellowships | $1,200

Designated for graduate students who are working on doctoral dissertations. Application for the Dissertation Fellowships should include (1) a description of the dissertation project, (2) the reason why the holdings of the Ransom Center are important to the project, (3) a current c.v., and (4) a letter from the dissertation director or an appropriate member of the dissertation committee. Deadline for receipt of Dissertation Fellowship applications and letters is February 1, 2007. Dissertation Fellowship residencies must be taken up during the period from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008. Jointly sponsored by the Ransom Center and The University of Texas Office of Graduate Studies.

Two- to Four-Month Fellowships | $3,000 per month

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation sponsors numerous fellowships in general literary and cultural studies.

The Marlene Nathan Meyerson Photography Fellowship supports research in the Center’s photography collections.

The David Douglas Duncan Fellowship supports research in the Center’s photography collections.

The C. P. Snow Fellowship supports research in general literary and cultural studies, with special emphasis on the relationship of literature and science.

The Ransom Center/South Central Modern Language Association Fellowship is a jointly sponsored award offered to members of SCMLA for general literary and cultural studies. Applicants must be current members and must have been members for the previous two years. SCMLA Executive Committee members are ineligible; former research award winners must wait five years before reapplying.

The Woodward and Bernstein Fellowship supports research on topics related to Watergate, the First Amendment, and the press.

Two Fleur Cowles Fellowships support research on topics related to twentieth-century art, journalism, women’s studies, and general literature and culture.

The Dorot Foundation Fellowships in Jewish Studies support a number of awards for research in Jewish Studies and Jewish authors.

Two Alfred A. and Blanche W. Knopf Fellowships support research in the areas of publishing and general literary studies, with special emphasis given to research concerning Knopf authors.

The Limited Editions Club Fellowship supports research in the Center’s rare book and print collections, with emphasis given to work with illustrated books.

The Lundell Fellowship supports research in general literary studies.

Travel Stipends | $1,000-$1,500

Travel stipends may be awarded to scholars with research projects that require less than one month’s research at the Ransom Center. $1,000 awards are available for domestic U.S. travel; $1,500 for foreign travel. Travel stipends may not be combined with other Ransom Center fellowships. SCMLA Executive Committee members are ineligible; former research award winners must wait five years before reapplying.

American and Russian Soldiers, 1945: Georg Kohnson
Consideration for all fellowships requires only a single application. The Ransom Center will match scholars with appropriate fellowships, and applicants therefore need not specify a particular fellowship in which they are interested. A complete application for a fellowship consists of a three-page proposal submitted by the scholar, plus two confidential letters of recommendation, submitted independently to the Center. (Dissertation Fellowship application is modified as explained on front of poster.) Applications for 2007-2008 Research Fellowships must be received by February 1, 2007. Awards will be announced by letter on or before April 1, 2007. Award winners and their research projects will also be acknowledged in Ransom Center publicity.

PROPOSAL SECTION ONE

In approximately one-half page, list your name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, email address, your institutional affiliation (or indication of independent scholar status), length of residency requested (two, three, four months or longer, or six-week stipend only), brief project title, and one of the following subject codes that describes your research project:

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Also, indicate whether you are currently a member of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS) or the South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA).

PROPOSAL SECTION TWO

The second section of the proposal consists of a Project Summary and a Description of Anticipated Use of Ransom Center Collections, which will be of approximately equal length and total about one and one-half pages. Applicants should bear in mind that they are writing for a multi-disciplinary faculty committee, so research topics and their significance should be thoroughly explained.

The proposal and letters of recommendation must be received by February 1, 2007. Applications transmitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. The Ransom Center will acknowledge the receipt of complete applications if a self-addressed, stamped postcard is sent with the proposal. We will return the card to you after we have received your proposal and the two letters of recommendation. Queries about applications in process cannot be acknowledged.

PROPOSAL SECTION THREE

The third page of the proposal is an abbreviated one-page curriculum vitae stressing the applicant’s relevant publications. No other items should be appended to the proposal, which should not exceed three pages in length.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants should request two confidential letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to judge the proposal. Reference letters should clearly indicate the applicant’s name and should be sent directly to the Center by referees. Letters must be received by February 1, 2007.

APPLICATION DEADLINE & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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ELIGIBILITY

All applicants, with the exception of applicants for Dissertation Fellowships, must be post-doctorates or possess an equivalent terminal degree or substantial record of scholarly achievement. United States citizens and foreign nationals are eligible to apply. Fellows who have received a Ransom Center fellowship are eligible to reapply after one year or during the equivalent terminal degree or substantial record of scholarly achievement. All applicants must be post-doctorates or possess an equivalent terminal degree or substantial record of scholarly achievement.

PERIOD OF RESIDENCY

Residencies must be taken up during the period from June 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008. Recipients of one-month fellowships are expected to be in continuous residence for the duration of their award. Recipients with long-term awards may split the residency, with a minimum stay at any time of one month.

FINAL REPORT

All fellows are invited to participate in the intellectual life of The University of Texas at Austin, and are asked to write a brief research report on their work at the Ransom Center to be submitted after the residency has been completed. Fellows are expected to be in continuous residence for the duration of their award. Recipients with long-term awards may split the residency, with a minimum stay at any time of one month.