

# CALL FOR FELLOWS

Center for 21st Century Studies  
(2021-22)

Application Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2020

## Background

For more than fifty years, the Center for 21st Century Studies (C21) has led the way in imagining, defining, and creating the fields of 20th and 21st century studies. A UW System Center of Excellence, C21 focuses on the intersection of the humanities, arts, and sciences (social and natural) with issues of compelling concern. The center brings scholars into contact and collaboration with one another, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee community and the world beyond. Each year, the Center constitutes a group of UWM Fellows, as well as one external UW System Fellow, who are provided release time from teaching to pursue their research interests and to participate in biweekly seminars. All of these activities contribute to C21's mission to constitute the emergent field of 21st century studies.

## Research Projects

The Center organizes its research and public programs around three ongoing areas of interdisciplinary humanities research:

- **Critical humanities:** the continuation of the Center's historical focus on critical and theoretical interdisciplinary scholarship and research
- **Public humanities:** both the communication of humanities research outside the walls of the university and the humanistic engagement with local, regional, and global communities
- **Digital humanities:** research that focuses on the remediation of print texts and artifacts in digital formats, as well as on the creation of new critical methodologies for analyzing digital media

Faculty and academic staff are invited to propose research topics that fall under one or more of the Center's three areas of research in critical, public, or digital humanities. Preference will go to the strongest applications, but every effort will be made to ensure distribution across these three focus areas. All projects should involve substantive academic research, but the final products could take the form of the traditional scholarly article or book, the creation of public-facing events like exhibitions or performances, community programs, or the development of digital interfaces, archives, or artifacts.

## Terms/Eligibility of Faculty for Fellowships

UWM faculty in all departments who hold the rank of assistant, associate, or full professor may apply. Faculty Fellows receive a reduction in their teaching responsibilities sufficient to bring their course load down to no more than one course each semester, and relieved of major committee work.\* The Center provides each Fellow with access to office space on the ninth floor of Curtin Hall and with research support (library assistance, duplication, etc.) as resources permit. Fellows are expected to participate in the biweekly Center Fellows' seminar and to attend all C21 public programs throughout the year. Fellows are expected to give a public presentation on their research no later than the academic year following the fellowship. Fellows will be required to produce at least one grant proposal from their fellowship year, with support from C21 and the Office of Sponsored Research. No one may hold a Center fellowship more than twice in a five-year period.

\* As necessary, C21 will consider alternative course reduction arrangements for faculty outside L&S.

## Terms/Eligibility of Academic Staff for Fellowships

UWM academic staff in all departments may apply. C21 will work with academic staff on a case-by-case basis to provide compensation for participating in the seminar. The Center provides each Fellow with access to office space on the ninth floor of Curtin Hall and with research assistance (library assistance, duplication, etc.) as resources permit. Each Fellow is expected to participate in the biweekly Center fellows' seminar and to attend all C21 public programs throughout the year. Fellows are expected to give a public presentation on his or her research no later than the academic year following the fellowship. Fellows will be required to produce at least one grant proposal from their fellowship year, with support from C21 and the Office of Sponsored Research. No one may hold a Center fellowship more than twice in a five-year period.

## Procedures

Submit a single pdf including the following components as an email attachment to [c21@uwm.edu](mailto:c21@uwm.edu):

- an application cover sheet (available online at <https://uwm.edu/c21/fellowship/call-for-fellows/>)
- a four-page statement (roughly 1000 words), describing your research project and its relation to one or more of the Center's three areas of focus, in which you explain how it fits into your past research (if applicable) and future plans for research
- a curriculum vitae
- a recent offprint, manuscript (article length), or example of artwork

**You are responsible for informing the chair of your department (or appropriate supervisor) that you are applying for a 2021-22 Center fellowship to ensure that your full participation as a C21 Fellow will be supported by your department.**