



## CALL FOR FELLOWS

Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies

(2022-2023)

Application Deadline: Thursday, January 6, 2022

### 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 with issues of compelling concern. Each year, C21 offers fellowships (release time from teaching, reflection and collaboration spaces, and research support, for example) to foster a community of scholars to generate knowledge and understanding around the challenges of our time.

### Theme

To better allow the time for ideas and collaborations to develop, **C21 is identifying three themes that will run and intersect across three years.** These themes are drawn from responses to surveys completed by C21 stakeholders identifying research interests and yearnings. The themes, which are intentionally broad to capture a wide range of scholarship and practice while encouraging innovative methodologies, are:

- **Well** – invoking concepts of health & well-being in an age of myriad public and climate health concerns and crises– as well as salutations in a pandemic era “I hope this finds you...”
- **Trust** – invoking challenges of working across difference in education, research, and policy in an age replete with partisanship and tribalism, fueled by media, social and otherwise. Trust might also apply to the matter and practice of environmental sustainability.
- **Duty** – invoking considerations of what people owe each other, their communities, their country and government. And in turn, as the twin to freedom, what duties and responsibilities their government / country and communities have to them. Duty might also, like Trust, invite explorations of ecological and geological stewardship.

### Research Projects

Applicants should propose a research project in one (or a combination) of thematic areas. Projects can be individual or collaborative. Examples of projects include:

- Researching / preparing material for public presentation in a wide variety of forms including (but not limited to) monographs, essays, podcasts, performances; art installation/exhibits, community programs; digital interfaces; archives or artifacts.
- Researching for / development of large-scale collaborative projects (grant proposals, building networks etc.).
- Researching / preparing syllabi for innovative, inter-disciplinary team-teaching initiatives or credit-bearing programs such as certificates, minors, degrees, or micro-credentials.

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### 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 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. Active Center Fellows may not also serve on the Center Advisory Council.

\* As necessary and to the degree possible, 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 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. Active Center Fellows may not also serve on the Center Advisory Council.

### Terms/Eligibility of Community Member for Fellowships

Community-members in the Milwaukee region who are collaborating with UW scholars on projects are eligible to apply. The Center provides each Fellow with a small stipend, 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 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. Active Center Fellows may not also serve on the Center Advisory Council.

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### 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 themes, in which you explain how it fits into your past research (if applicable) and future plans for research
- a curriculum vitae/resume
- a recent offprint, manuscript (article length), or example of your work that will best demonstrate your capacity to complete your proposed project.

If you are applying in collaboration (two people), please follow these same guidelines (submit just one, four-page statement) and add cv/resumes and research/writing samples for each applicant.

**You are responsible for informing the chair of your department (or appropriate supervisor) that you are applying for a 2022-23 Center fellowship to ensure that your full participation as a C21 Fellow will be supported by your department.**