Call for Applications
Joff Hanauer Endowment for Excellence in Western Civilization

Applications are now open for six supplemental graduate fellowships in the amount of $5000 for the period September 16, 2020 - June 15, 2021, for graduate students whose work and research involves Western civilization, broadly defined. Hanauer Fellows will participate in a bi-monthly seminar led by Sabina Wilke, Joff Hanauer Distinguished Professor for Western Civilization. The goals of the program are to foster creative and critical work in the Western cultural tradition and to help prepare teachers from different disciplines who have well-reasoned convictions about the place of Western civilization in the curriculum of an American liberal arts institution. The seminar enables students from different disciplines to work together and understand the commonalities and differences in their disciplinary perspectives. The activities of the group will be determined, in part, by the specific fields and interests of the fellows. Fellows will be encouraged to remain connected with the program after the term of their fellowship.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong record of achievement and commitment to critical study of Western culture as a whole or to some specific aspect of it in a context that generates reflection on Western civilization and/or its place in a global context. Graduate students at all levels are encouraged to apply; this is not specifically a dissertation fellowship.

Applicants should submit 1) a letter outlining their record of achievement and commitment to studying Western civilization, and of their preparation for engaging with disciplines outside their own; and 2) a separate description of how their research and teaching plans engage the topic. This description might include exam and/or dissertation topics, and a vision of their teaching career.

Documents should be submitted to the chair of the applicant’s department by May 11, 2020. Chairs are requested to submit all applications from their department as a single packet with a cover letter ranking applicants by quality and with brief explanations by May 26, 2020, to: Barbara Mack at barbmack@uw.edu.

It is important to note that this is a supplemental fellowship and chairs should provide evidence that their nominees are adequately funded for the academic year 2020-2021.

Please refer any questions to Sabina Wilke at: wilke@uw.edu.