

Title: Pre-doctoral Fellow

Location: Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

Position Opens: November 4, 2019

Position Closes: January 30, 2020

The Simpson Center for the Humanities is offering two residential dissertation fellowships for the AY 2020-2021 in association with a Mellon Sawyer Seminar on [*Humanitarianisms: Migration and Care in the Global South*](#), led by [*Arzoo Osanloo \(Law, Societies & Justice\)*](#) and [*Cabeiri Robinson \(Jackson School of International Studies\)*](#). Participants in the Seminar will explore this topic through three themes:

- Autumn 2020: [*Decentering Migration, Decolonizing Humanitarianism*](#)
- Winter 2021: [*Comparative Humanitarianisms*](#)
- Spring 2021: [*Rethinking the Human*](#)

Applicants for the fellowship should have a dissertation project related to at least one of the three thematic components of the seminar.

The Sawyer Seminar Series is made possible by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation, with support from the Simpson Center for the Humanities and the Graduate School.

Benefits for the dissertation fellows will include:

- A nine-month award at the level of Pre-Doctoral Research Associate II (.5FTE), including tuition and fees, as described by [UW Human Resources](#);
- Insurance coverage for the fellow and dependents with medical, dental and vision eligibility and coverage under the Graduate Appointee Insurance Plan ([GAIP](#));
- Research funds of \$1,000- for conference travel or other research related expenses;
- Dedicated office space in the Simpson Center for the duration of the appointment.

Responsibilities for the dissertation fellows will include:

- Be in residence at the University of Washington, in Seattle from September 16, 2020 to June 15, 2021;
- Contribute to the intellectual program of the Seminar Series by attending all lectures, workshops, and associated events;
- Assist in organizing events for the Sawyer Seminar, including the lecture series and associated workshops (max. 5 hrs/wk);
- Present their research in the thematic quarter most relevant to their dissertation topic;
- Make significant progress on the writing of the fellow's PhD dissertation.

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Currently a Ph.D. student or candidate in a Social Science or Humanities discipline at the University of Washington;
- A.B.D. status by time of application deadline (January 30, 2020);
- Pursuing a dissertation related to at least one of the three thematic components of the seminar (*Decentering Migration, Decolonizing Humanitarianism; Comparative Humanitarianisms* and/or *Rethinking the Human*).

Applications must be received by January 30, 2020. Application materials should be submitted [here](#):

1. A proposal (5 pages in length, not including bibliography) detailing the project and the research and writing to be undertaken during the fellowship period. The proposal should include (a) a discussion of how the dissertation project relates to at least one of the three thematic components of the seminar and (b) a timeline that details the work to be done on the dissertation during the course of the fellowship;
2. CV;
3. 2 letters of recommendation, including a letter from the applicant's dissertation committee chairperson that supports the timeline presented in the proposal. [Letters of recommendation](#) must be received by January 30th.

Notification will be sent by March 30, 2020.

Application inquiries may be made with Prof. Arzoo Osanloo (aosanloo@uw.edu) or Prof. Cabeiri Robinson (cdr33@uw.edu).

** Salary and benefits are competitive. Salary is commensurate with academic standing, qualifications, and experience. This job classification is governed by [a negotiated labor contract](#) and is subject [to union shop provisions](#). Eligibility for other benefits, including vacation, leave, and childcare assistance, is detailed in the [collective bargaining agreement](#) between the University of Washington and UAW Local 4121. The University of Washington is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact the Disability Services Office at 206.543.6450 / 206.543.6452 (tty) or dso@uw.edu.