2021-2022 IAAR Faculty Fellowship

Program Background and Description
The Institute of African American Research (IAAR) welcomes applications for the 2021-2022 Faculty Fellowship. The purpose of the fellowship is to support current research by UNC-Chapel Hill faculty, in any discipline, who are engaged in scholarly studies of African Americans and/or the broader African diaspora. Fellows’ projects should focus directly on this subject area with explicit attention to the experiences of people of African descent within the diaspora.

The IAAR expects to make one award to be held from August 2021-May 2022.

Application Guidelines

1. Who can apply?
The fellowship is open to full-time clinical, research, tenured and tenure track faculty at UNC-CH in any field or discipline. Past Faculty Fellows as well as faculty members who have received any IAAR funding between 2017-2020 are ineligible to apply. We especially welcome applications from faculty whose research concerns race and COVID-19, anti-racist movements and anti-Black violence, however, research on any topic relevant to people of African descent will be considered.

2. What do Fellows receive?
The Faculty Fellowship provides a stipend of $7,500. Faculty Fellows will also receive access to IAAR’s office resources, including space, printing privileges and staff services, including assistance with research and grant development and administration. Fellows will become IAAR Faculty Affiliates, joining a community of interdisciplinary scholars with shared interest in Black experiences, broadly conceived.

3. What are fellowship requirements?
Fellows are expected to:
1. give a public lecture about their project during the fellowship period
2. attend at least one IAAR event.
3. allow the IAAR to administer the Fellow’s grant if the Fellow applies for external funding during the fellowship period.
4. acknowledge the IAAR in all publications and presentations related to the funded project.
5. Within thirty days following the end of the fellowship period, submit a one-page report detailing the work completed and the project status
4. How do I apply?

To apply please submit the following materials in one pdf document into iaar@unc.edu by October 15, 2020:

- A 1000 word proposal that details: 1) plan of work on a specific research project for the fellowship period; 2) the project’s subject matter, primary scholarly goals, major arguments and methods; 3) the project’s significant contributions to current trends and studies of African Americans and the African diaspora; 4) status of the project and timeline for expected completion of project, 5) if pursuing external funding for the project, targeted external funding sources

- An abridged 4-page curriculum vitae that provides most recent publications as well as scholarly activities and awards.

5. When is the deadline?

The deadline is October 15, 2020 by 11:59PM EST

For questions, please contact Benita Ramsey, Events and Programs Manager at blramsey@email.unc.edu

Award decisions will be announced by December 1, 2020.