Clendening Summer Fellowships

Summer 2020

The Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine is pleased to invite all first-year medical students to submit a proposal for the Clendening Summer Fellowships. The fellowships offer students the opportunity to design a project around an area of interest during the summer under the direction of one of the Department’s faculty members. The fellowship projects include awards of $2,800 each.

Although many students work on projects in Kansas City, Wichita, and surrounding areas, others use the fellowships as an opportunity to do projects abroad. Upon notification of selection for the fellowship, any student whose project would entail international travel needs to contact for assistance and information Kimberly Connelly, Director of International Programs at kconnelly@kumc.edu, (913) 588-1480. Additionally, projects that involve human subjects usually require submission and approval of the KUMC Human Subjects Committee (IRB). Assistance in this process is available.

Students selected as fellows will be assigned a faculty person who will serve as their primary mentor for the project. Additional mentors from within or outside of KUMC often are found either by the faculty mentor or by the fellows themselves, and may be added to the project with the approval of the CSF Director. Typically, a fellow will meet several times with the faculty mentor to organize the project, and then maintain contact throughout the summer.

Fellows are expected to submit a paper and give a short presentation at the conclusion of the project in the fall. A student who completes a successful fellowship is generally awarded 4 credits for a non-clinical elective that count towards the requirements for graduation. The course number is HPMD 909. Fellows will also be expected to contribute minimally to recruitment, selection, and mentoring of a new cohort of Fellows in the year following their fellowship.

To apply for a fellowship, students should submit a written 3-6 page proposal that includes a description of the project, its goals and methods, as well as a detailed budget. Proposals should also include a brief bibliography. The template for writing a proposal is included in this document, below. Two “CSF Proposal Writing Workshops” will be held to aid students with their proposals. Faculty and past fellows will be available to answer questions. These workshops will be scheduled in December and January over the lunch hour in the Clendening Foyer. Students can sign up by replying to the invitation email to be sent out in early December.
Please note:

- **CSF Proposals are due:** Monday, February 3rd, by 11:59 PM.
- Proposals will be **uploaded to REDCap at** https://redcap.kumc.edu/surveys/?s=TY38T3PYTT
- Decisions and announcements will be made by March 1st.

Students are strongly encouraged to read past proposals that have been accepted. Many of these can be found on our website at: http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/history-and-philosophy-of-medicine/fellowships/clendening-and-king-summer-fellowships/past-clendening-and-king-summer-fellows.html

To make an appointment to see paper copies of the proposals, contact Ryan Fagan (RFagan@KUMC.edu) in the Department of History & Philosophy of Medicine. Applicants may wish to contact for consultation the department faculty member whose areas of interest and expertise most closely match the student’s intended project.

For further information, please contact CSF Coordinator, Isaac Baldwin (ibaldwin2@kumc.edu) or co-directors Dr. Jason Glenn (JGlenn4@kumc.edu) and Dr. Tarris Rosell (trosell@kumc.edu).

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CSF PROPOSAL
TEMPLATE

Proposals should include the following sections:

I. Introduction
   • A clear, brief, one paragraph description of your project. Please include your research question.

II. Background
   • An explanation of your experience in this area, or what led you to this area of interest and this particular project. (No more than one page.)
     o At this point, we don’t need a complete history of the problem you’ll be studying or place you would be going.
     o We do want to know:
       ▪ why you're interested in this project
       ▪ what background you personally have had with any of it
       ▪ why you are particularly suited for this project
       ▪ what you hope to gain from it

III. Description
   • An explanation of your proposed project (more detailed than the Introduction and Background sections)
     o This section should include a thorough description of what you plan to do.
     o You should also include your time line, and where and when you plan to be working on specific sections of your project.

IV. Methods
   • A practical description of how you plan to complete your project
     o This section should contain logistics, such as contacts, mentors, and means of access to your area of study.
     o Do this as fully as possible, and with specificity.
     o Those assessing your proposal will need clear evidence (with documentation, as possible) that you have plans in place to complete your project: mentors, accommodations, access to appropriate places and people.

V. Budget
   • A list of estimated expenses for your project
     o If the total estimate exceeds $2800, please list other potential funding sources that could supplement a CSF stipend and make your project economically feasible.

VI. Bibliography
   • List any sources you have consulted to design the project or write the proposal.