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ACLS Fellowship Program

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ACLS invites research applications from scholars in all disciplines of the [humanities and interpretive social sciences](#). Given the disproportionate effect the current economic downturn has on emerging, independent, and untenured scholars, in the 2021-22 competition year the awards are designated solely for untenured scholars who have earned the PhD within the past eight years. ACLS welcomes applications from scholars without faculty appointments and scholars off the tenure track.

In 2021-22, the program will award up to 60 fellowships. ACLS invites applications from scholars pursuing research on topics grounded in any time period, world region, or humanistic methodology. ACLS aims to select fellows who are broadly representative of the variety of humanistic scholarship across all fields of study. We also believe that diversity enhances scholarship and seek to recognize academic excellence from all sectors of higher education and beyond. In ACLS's peer review, funding packages, and engagement with fellows, we aspire to enact our values of equity and inclusion.

The ultimate goal of the project should be a major piece of scholarly work by the applicant, which can take the form of a monograph, articles, digital publication(s), critical edition, or other scholarly resources. The ACLS Fellowship program does not fund works of fiction (e.g., novels or films), textbooks, straightforward translation, or pedagogical projects.

ACLS Fellowships are intended to help scholars devote six to twelve continuous months to full-time research and writing. ACLS Fellowships are portable and are tenable at any appropriate site for research. An ACLS Fellowship may be held concurrently with other fellowships and grants and sabbatical pay. For fellows with full-time academic appointments, the total amount of support, including the ACLS Fellowship, may not exceed the candidate's academic year salary. Fellows without full-time academic contracts may teach up to one course over the course of the fellowship term. Tenure of the fellowship may begin no earlier than July 1, 2022 and no later than July 1, 2023. The fellowship term must conclude no later than December 31, 2023.

The fellowship stipend is set at \$60,000 for a 12-month fellowship. Awards of shorter duration will be prorated at \$5,000 per month, with the minimum award set at \$30,000. Independent scholars, adjunct faculty, and faculty with teaching-intensive appointments will receive an award supplement of \$3,000 for research support, access to manuscript development workshops, or learned society conference attendance.

Before beginning your application, you will be asked several questions designed to determine preliminary eligibility for this program. Once you have answered these basic eligibility questions, please read all instructions, including those in the REFERENCE LETTERS and PROPOSAL UPLOAD sections, before beginning to fill out the application form.

Completed applications must be submitted online no later than **9 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, September 29, 2021**. Notifications will be sent via email by early March 2022. [Click](#) for more information.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

1. be a US citizen, permanent resident, Indigenous person residing in the United States through rights associated with the Jay Treaty of 1794, DACA recipient, asylee, refugee, or individual granted Temporary Protected Status in the United States.
2. have a PhD officially conferred between September 30, 2013 and September 29, 2021.
3. not hold a tenured faculty position.

ACLS will confirm the tenure status of provisional awardees before finalizing the fellowship award.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must include:

- Completed application form
- Proposal (no more than five double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font)
- Optional: Up to two additional pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials
- Bibliography (**without** annotation, no more than two pages)
- Publications list (no more than two pages)
- Optional: A brief personal statement of up to one page (double spaced, in Times New Roman 11-point font) describing how your background and personal experiences have influenced your intellectual trajectory as a scholar
- A brief writing sample (no more than five pages total, single or double spaced, including footnotes or endnotes, in Times New Roman 11-point font), including a brief description of context and the sample's relation to the proposed project
- One reference letter

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Peer reviewers are asked to be mindful of ACLS's commitment to inclusive excellence, and of how equity and diversity are integral components of merit. We are especially interested in supporting scholars who hail from diverse institutions and groups that are underrepresented in the academy. Reviewers in this program are asked to evaluate all eligible proposals on the following criteria:

1. The potential of the project to advance the field or fields of study in which it is proposed and make an original and significant contribution to knowledge.
2. The quality and innovativeness of the proposal with regard to its methodology, scope, theoretical framework, and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature. ACLS welcomes applications that challenge scholarly orthodoxy.
3. The feasibility of the project and the likelihood that the applicant will execute the work within the proposed time frame.

4. The scholarly record and career trajectory of the applicant, taking into account relative advantages and constraints on resources for the proposed project and over the course of the applicant's career.
5. The potential of the award to advance [ACLS's commitment to inclusive excellence](#), which is based on the principle that humanistic scholarship benefits from institutional diversity and the inclusion of voices that have been historically underrepresented in the academy due to race, gender, class and other aspects of identity.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACLS FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Applicants for the ACLS Fellowship are eligible for the following opportunities, which require no separate application:

ACLS Project Development Grants support projects from faculty at teaching-intensive institutions such as HBCUs, regional comprehensives, and community colleges. Applicants from these institutions who are not selected for fellowships, but present particularly promising proposals, may be awarded a grant of \$5,000 to help advance their projects. (See [FAQ](#) for more information.) Project Development Grants do not require a separate application.

The following **named fellowships** will be awarded to selected applicants from within the ACLS Fellowship program, and do not require a separate application:

- ACLS Barrington Foundation Centennial Fellowships in Classical Studies, for scholars pursuing research on the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome. Established in recognition of our centennial anniversary.
- ACLS Carl and Betty Pforzheimer Fellowships in English and American Literature, for scholars pursuing research on Anglophone literature from any period. Established by ACLS Board Member Carl H. Pforzheimer III and his wife in recognition of our centennial anniversary with the hope of fostering new knowledge in these fields.
- ACLS Centennial Fellowships in the Dynamics of Place, for scholars pursuing research on how movements across borders and new contacts among peoples can shift perspectives and foster new understanding. Established by an anonymous donor to ACLS in

recognition of our centennial anniversary.

- ACLS Frederic E. Wakeman, Jr. Fellowships in Chinese History, for scholars pursuing research on Chinese history, in particular modern Chinese history after 1912. Established in memory of Professor Wakeman, the late scholar of East Asian history and Professor of History at University of California, Berkeley.
- The ACLS H. and T. King Fellowships in Ancient American Art and Culture, for scholars, in particular those in the early stages of their careers, who are pursuing research on the art and architecture of pre-contact societies in the Americas, as well as anthropology, archaeology, epigraphy, and historical accounts related to their visual culture.
- ACLS Oscar Handlin Fellowships in American History, for scholars pursuing archival research on American history. Established in memory of Professor Handlin, a professor of history at Harvard University for over 50 years, who was known for his promotion of social, ethnic, and immigration history.
- ACLS Pauline Yu Fellowships in Chinese or Comparative Literature, for scholars pursuing research in Chinese and/or comparative literature. Established in honor of Pauline Yu, president emeritus of ACLS and a prominent scholar of Chinese Literature, by her family, friends and colleagues.
- ACLS Susan McClary and Robert Walser Fellowships in Music Studies, for scholars pursuing research in any area of musicology. Established by Professors McClary and Walser to benefit emerging or established researchers in music studies with a goal of supporting the most promising and innovative scholarship of the future.
- ACLS Yvette and William Kirby Centennial Fellowships in Chinese Studies, for scholars pursuing research on the history and culture of China. Established by ACLS Board Chair William C. Kirby and his wife in recognition of our centennial anniversary.

Through a partnership with the [Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes \(CHCI\)](#), an international membership organization of interdisciplinary research centers with over 170 members and affiliates in 23 countries, ACLS fellows have the opportunity to spend all or part of their fellowship terms in residence at selected CHCI member organizations. This is an optional enhancement to the award for ACLS Fellows and does not require a separate application.

ACLS/NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS

ACLS may award residential fellowships in conjunction with The New York Public Library's Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. This opportunity **does require a [separate application](#), due by 5 pm Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, September 24, 2021.**

The Center provides opportunities for up to 15 fellows to explore the rich, diverse collections in the NYPL's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building. The Center also serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas among fellows, invited guests, the wider academic and cultural communities, and the interested public. It provides individual office space and common areas in the Library building. Fellows are required to be in residence from the beginning of September 2022 through the end of May 2023 and to participate in Center activities. These may include lunches, panel discussions, public conversations, symposia, and interviews. More information about The New York Public Library and its collections is available on the [website](#).

The stipend for ACLS/NYPL fellowships will be \$75,000. ACLS/NYPL fellowships are subfellowships within the ACLS Fellowship program; they have the same eligibility requirements, application form, and schedule. The only additional proviso is that these residential fellowships will be granted to scholars whose projects will benefit from research in the NYPL's Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.

PLEASE NOTE: Because this is a joint fellowship, applicants for ACLS/NYPL residential fellowships must also apply to the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the NYPL. The application for the NYPL competition is available [here](#). The deadline for application and three letters of recommendation is 5 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, September 24, 2021.

An application for an ACLS/NYPL residential fellowship may have any one of the following outcomes:

- a fellowship awarded solely by the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the NYPL,
- an ACLS Fellowship awarded solely by ACLS, or
- an ACLS/NYPL residential fellowship awarded jointly by the two organizations.

Institutions and individuals contribute to the ACLS Fellowship program

and its endowment, including The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Arcadia Charitable Trust, the Council's Research University Consortium and college and university Associates, former fellows, and individual friends of ACLS.

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1. Are you a US citizen, permanent resident, Indigenous individual residing in the United States through rights associated with the Jay Treaty of 1794, DACA recipient, asylee, refugee, or individual granted Temporary Protected Status in the United States?

Yes No

2. Do you have a PhD that was officially conferred between September 30, 2013 and September 29, 2021?

Yes No

3. Do you hold a tenured faculty position, or will you hold a tenured faculty position during the proposed period of your fellowship?

Yes No



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You may make as many visits to your application as you wish, and revise any information in your application until it has been submitted. In order to be considered, your application must be complete and in SUBMITTED status at **9 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, September 29, 2021**. You should **complete the REFERENCE LETTERS section as soon as possible since the deadline for submission of the reference letter is also September 29** (the same deadline as for the application).

This application consists of three parts: the application form itself, the uploaded documents (see [PROPOSAL UPLOAD](#)), and reference letters (see [REFERENCE LETTERS](#)).

BEFORE BEGINNING the application form, please read the Instructions regarding the [PROPOSAL UPLOAD](#) and the [REFERENCE LETTERS](#), as well as the following technical instructions.

A. HOW TO SAVE AND SUBMIT YOUR DATA.

1. Do not use your browser's "BACK" or "FORWARD" buttons for navigation. Instead, use the menu on the left to navigate between screens or the "SAVE AND CONTINUE" button at the bottom of each screen to take you to the next application screen.
2. You must **SAVE each time you leave a screen** by clicking the "SAVE" or the "SAVE AND CONTINUE" buttons at the bottom of each screen. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.)
3. You may work on your application in as many sessions as you

wish, and the status of your application will be **IN PROCESS** until you submit it. Once you are satisfied that your application is complete, you must go to the SUBMIT APPLICATION screen and select **SUBMIT APPLICATION**. Once your application has been SUBMITTED, it cannot revert to IN PROCESS status.

4. When you have completed your application, pause to check it one last time. We strongly suggest that you print and read your application before submitting it, so that you can be sure there are no further revisions you wish to make. Your print copy should include your uploaded document.
5. Your application status bar must show SUBMITTED at 9 pm, Eastern Daylight Time, September 29, 2021 in order for it to be considered. ACLS will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline. **Once your application has been SUBMITTED, even if it was submitted before the final deadline, no changes will be permitted.**
6. We strongly urge you to print out and save a copy of the final version of your SUBMITTED application. Your print copy should include your uploaded document.

B. HOW TO ENTER DATA.

1. You may begin completing the application at any section.
2. What you type into the form is exactly what will be seen by our reviewers. Therefore, please fill out the form carefully, paying attention to spelling, punctuation, grammar, and case. (For instance, do not use all caps; do not enter hard returns within text fields; and do not include quotation marks or periods as part of your project title.)
3. Text boxes will hold only a limited amount of text. Where longer answers are permitted, the number of available characters will normally be indicated. We suggest that you type rather than paste your response. If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit. Examine your print application to be sure your response is complete.
4. Dates should always be entered in the format mm/yyyy or mm/dd/yyyy where indicated. Where an entry continues into the present, please simply leave the ending date blank (mm/yyyy - [blank]).
5. Begin typing all answers at the extreme left hand side of the response area or box; do not leave a space or indent at the

beginning of your answer.

C. HOW TO GET HELP.

1. If you have questions about the application process, please consult FAQ. If your question is not answered there, click on the "HELP" link in the left menu to submit your query.
2. If you are unable to use the "HELP" link that appears in the menu, contact ofahelp@acsls.org with questions. (Please use the "HELP" link instead if possible; doing so means that your query contains valuable technical information that helps resolve issues you may be having in the portal.)

Good luck with your application!



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Salutation

Dr.

First Name

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name

Suffix

Preferred Pronouns

Primary Email Address

(should be valid through May 2022)

ORCID iD

ACLS requires all applicants to provide an ORCID iD as part of their application. [Learn more.](#)

The record search feature works for public ORCID records only. ([click here](#) to search ORCID)

Office Information

Office Address

City

State

Select One

(IF NOT U.S.)

Zip/Postal Code

(if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Country

(IF NOT U.S.)

Telephone

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(IF NOT U.S.)

Home Information

Home Address

City

State

Select One

(IF NOT U.S.)

Zip/Postal Code

(if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Country

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Which is your preferred mailing address?

Select

(Be sure to indicate your preferred mailing address.)



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I identify my gender as

I prefer not to answer this question.

With which group or groups do you most identify?

Non-Hispanic White
 Black or African American
 Latina/o/x or Hispanic
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 East Asian American
 South Asian American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Middle Eastern or Arab American
 Other:

I prefer not to answer this question.

Do you identify as a first-generation college graduate? Select

Have you ever served on active duty in the US Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard? Select

Do you have a disability, including but not limited to a sensory, mobility, Select

**developmental, psychological, or other
impairment?**

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 PhD

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Date conferred by university

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PhD major discipline

Title of doctoral dissertation

 (150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Name of dissertation supervisor

 Master's Degree

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Select a degree

Select One

Date degree received

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Master's degree major discipline

BA/BS

Degree received from

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Date received

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BA/BS major discipline

Other Degrees

List any additional degrees



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Position

Select One

(Please choose the most appropriate from the list.)

If "Nonacademic / Other", please include your current title and organization, or status (e.g., "currently unemployed," "on leave," etc.):

Discipline

(If you have an academic title, please indicate here the discipline you would use in completing the title, for example, Assistant Professor of French Literature, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, etc. Write *only* the name of your discipline, not your professional title.)

Specialization

Department

Institution

(To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation.**)

Date you began this position

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If you are an Assistant Professor or equivalent, when did you begin your first teaching semester/quarter at that rank, even if that occurred in a previous job?

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Please enter your total teaching responsibility in a normal academic year as a whole number

For example, a course load of 3-3 should be entered as 6. Please do not include summer courses or overloads. If you taught a reduced course load due to service, medical/family leave, etc., enter the amount you would have taught if not for those releases.

**Second Institution
(if applicable)**

(If you are currently affiliated with more than one institution, please list the second institution here.)

Date you began this position

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Positions Held

List positions held (professional, teaching, administrative, curatorial) since earning the PhD, beginning with current position. Give name of institution, title, and approximate dates of employment for each.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/1995
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000

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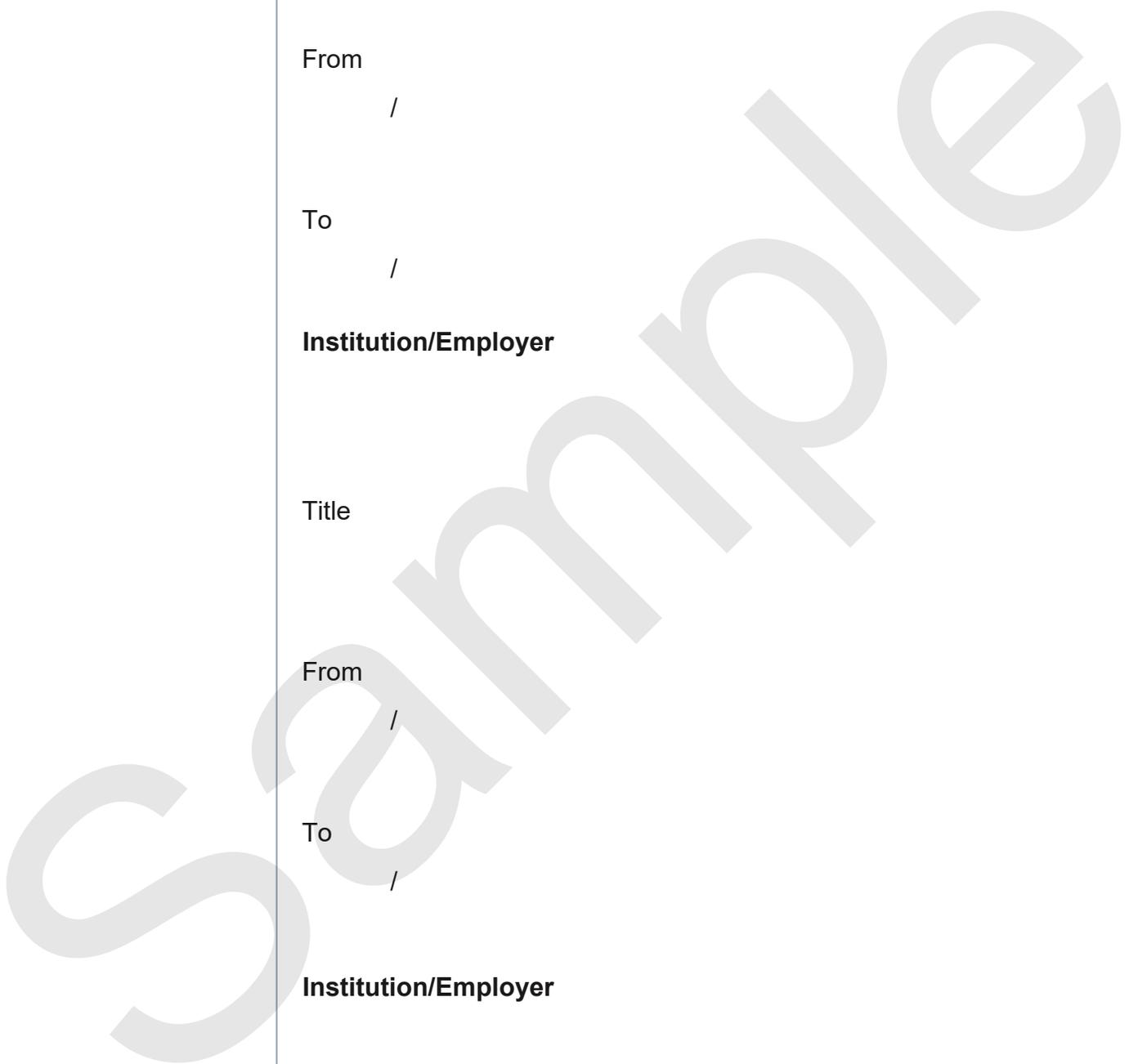
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PhD Equivalent

If you do not have a PhD and are requesting consideration as a PhD equivalent based on publications and professional experience, please explain your circumstances here. See the [FAQ](#) for further information. Applicants may also provide additional relevant information (qualifications or service work not listed elsewhere) that might help reviewers better understand their professional background.

(800 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

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Awards

Beginning with the most recent, list up to eight of the grants, fellowships, scholarships, academic honors, or awards you have received, giving in each case the dates, purposes (tuition, travel, expenses, etc.), and, if funded, the approximate amounts. If you are listing only selected awards, choose those that are most significant. Please do not be concerned if you cannot recall exact dates or amounts, and do not feel you must use all eight entries.

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- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
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- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000

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Do not use hard returns.

Research Proposal Title

(250 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Research Proposal Abstract

(800 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

If there is a web page associated with your project, please provide the URL here:

(Optional)

Your proposal will be reviewed by scholars within your specific discipline and by others from across the humanities and related social sciences. Use this space to make a concise case for the broader significance of the project for the humanities and related social sciences in a way that will be legible and of interest to scholars outside your field. You should refrain from employing technical language specific to your discipline that may make this significance unclear to non-specialists.

Significance of your project

(2000 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

If you are planning to conduct your proposed research project in a particular location, please specify where and when you plan to do so. Please be brief and give your response in this format: semester/location. Longer explanations of research plans should be included in your proposal document.

Proposal Location

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

ACLS/New York Public Library residential fellowships

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York Public Library's Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. **These joint fellowships require application to both the ACLS and the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the NYPL (deadlines, forms, and procedures are different for each program).** You also must complete the [ACLS/NYPL Fellowships Supplement](#).

Check here if you are applying for an ACLS/New York Public Library Fellowship.

Countries or Geographical Areas

List any countries or geographical areas on which your research is focused.

1.

Select One

2.

Select One

3.

Select One

4.

Select One

Other

Countries or Geographical Areas - Research Completed

List any countries or geographical areas other than the US in which you have done research in the last five years.

1.

Select One

2.

Select One

3.

Select One

Other

Disciplinary Areas

Please identify up to five disciplinary areas, in order of relevance, that best describe your research project. Do not choose "other" unless none of the options is close to your field. **For your first selection please choose the specific field that most closely corresponds to your research project.**

1.

Select One

Other

2.

Select One

Other

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Select One

Other

4.

Select One

Other

5.

Select One

Other

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Applicants are required to fill out the sections below. Please note that your answers to questions on this page are collected for statistical purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the review or selection process. Thank you for helping ACLS better understand the community we serve through this fellowship program.

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Current salary

(do not add benefits or summer salary).

Amount requested from ACLS

What is your country of citizenship?

Select One

If Other, enter country

If NOT United States, do you hold US Permanent Resident, DACA, refugee, or asylee status in the United States, are you an Indigenous individual residing in the United States through rights associated with the Jay Treaty, or are you an individual who has been granted Temporary Protected Status?

Select

Beginning date for ACLS Fellowship

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Ending date for ACLS Fellowship

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If the ACLS Fellowship tenure period and stipend requested will be used toward a longer research leave, please give dates of the total planned leave.

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Sources of Support - Confirmed

List other sources of support, for example, sabbatical salary, other fellowships and grants, **ALREADY CONFIRMED** in connection with your proposed research project or planned total period of research leave. Also indicate the approximate amount of funding and period of support.

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Sources of Support - Applying

List other major funding sources, with approximate amount and tenure period, to which you **ARE APPLYING** for your present research proposal.

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Informational Purposes Only

1. ACLS has long affirmed that scholarly research contributes in important ways to the teaching mission of institutions of higher education. If you have teaching responsibilities, please describe how your proposed research project will connect with your pedagogical practice.

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2. How did you learn about ACLS fellowship programs? (Please select all that apply.)

Higher Education publication (e.g., Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed)

Department newsletter or bulletin board

Dean or other administrator

Office of Sponsored Research/Grants and Fellowships

ACLS website

Other website

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Former fellows

Social media

Please specify:

Other/informal communication

Please specify:

3. Please identify the ACLS member scholarly societies or ACLS affiliate organizations (if any) of which you are a member or with which you have an affiliation. (Please check all that apply.)

ACLS Constituent Learned Societies

African Studies Association

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

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American Anthropological Association

American Antiquarian Society

American Association for the History of Medicine

American Association of Geographers

American Comparative Literature Association

American Dialect Society

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American Philosophical Society

American Political Science Association

American Society for Aesthetics

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

American Society for Environmental History

American Society for Legal History

American Society for Theatre Research

American Society of Church History

American Society of Comparative Law

American Society of International Law
American Society of Overseas Research
American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Archaeological Institute of America
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Association for Jewish Studies
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Association for Study of African American Life and History
Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
Association of American Law Schools
Austrian Studies Association
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Economic History Association
German Studies Association
Hispanic Society of America
History of Science Society
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Linguistic Society of America
Medieval Academy of America
Metaphysical Society of America
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Philosophy of Science Association
Renaissance Society of America
Rhetoric Society of America
Shakespeare Association of America
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
Society for American Music

Society for Cinema and Media Studies
Society for Classical Studies
Society for Ethnomusicology
Society for French Historical Studies
Society for Military History
Society for Music Theory
Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
Society for the History of Technology
Society of Architectural Historians
Society of Biblical Literature
Society of Dance History Scholars
World History Association

ACLS Affiliates

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
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Center for Research Libraries
Community College Humanities Association
Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes
Federation of State Humanities Councils
International Society for Third-Sector Research
Phi Beta Kappa

4. Please identify all ACLS fellowship programs (if any) to which you have previously applied.

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ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowship
ACLS Digital Extension Grant
ACLS Digital Innovation Fellowship
ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship
ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship
ACLS New Faculty Fellows
Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship

Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship

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Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in American Art

Luce/ACLS Fellowships in Religion, Journalism & International

Affairs

Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies

Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellowship

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows

Mellon/ACLS Scholars & Society Fellowship

The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist

Studies

African Humanities Program

CCK Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society



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One letter of reference is required. We suggest that you secure as a referee a scholar competent to judge both the present research proposal and your past scholarship. ACLS does not accept reference letters from dossier services, such as Interfolio or university-based services. [Why?](#)

Letters of reference must be submitted online. It is your responsibility to convey information about your proposal to your referee. After your referee has agreed to write on your behalf:

- Tell your referee to expect an email from ACLS.
- Make absolutely certain you have the correct email address for your referee.
- Enter the referee's name and email address by clicking on the "Add Referee" link at the bottom of this page. Please capitalize the name properly.
- Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the referee.
- Your referee will not receive an email to begin this process until you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button.

No more than one letter of reference will be accepted.

- Enter only one referee. It is possible to enter additional referees, but you should do this only if you learn that a referee is unable to complete the promised letter.
- **The first letter submitted will be the letter on file in support of your application.** Once a letter has been submitted, another referee attempting to submit a letter for you will be prevented from doing so. Be careful not to put anyone in this situation.

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For your information, the online reference process requests referees to comment on the applicant as a scholar and professional and on the specific proposal to ACLS. Referees are asked to evaluate the scholar's ability to conduct and complete the project proposed, as well as the importance of this project within the general and specific field(s) to which it relates.

Letters of reference are due by the application deadline, September 29, 2021. It is your responsibility to check online to see whether a letter has been submitted. The system will continue to accept letters after the deadline and will add them to your application at the earliest possible time, though we cannot guarantee that your letter will accompany your application through our entire review process.

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To complete your application package, in addition to the application form, you must upload the items described below (including the optional items if you choose). All items should be collated to upload as one continuous document. document.

1) PROPOSAL:

In preparing this material, please keep in mind that our review process consists of two stages. At the first stage, applicants' work is reviewed by specialists in their disciplines, while at the second, it is reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee of scholars in the humanities and social sciences.

Content: A concise statement describing your research project is required. The narrative statement should explain, briefly but specifically, what you plan to do and why, as well as describe progress already made, make clear the relevance of the project to your professional experience, and discuss the significance of this work within your specific and general fields. Please balance the description of specific work plans against an overview of your goals and the contribution this project will make to the field(s) it engages. Please title your proposal in a brief, descriptive way and label sections of your narrative as appropriate to assist readers.

In addition, if your project is part of a collaborative undertaking, it is essential to explain that context and describe your relationship to the other participants. Please also list the names of your colleagues and indicate whether or not those individuals are also applying for ACLS

fellowships in the current competition.

The proposal must not exceed 5 double-spaced pages in Times New Roman 11-point font. You may, however, include up to 2 additional pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials.

2) BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The bibliography should provide an overview of essential references for your project, and should balance the various sorts of key materials being used.

The bibliography must not exceed 2 pages, and should be double-spaced between entries.

3) PUBLICATIONS LIST:

This should be a list of your representative publications and should include titles, dates of publication, names of publishers or journals, and numbers of pages.

Your publications list must not exceed 2 pages, and may be in whatever format you normally keep it.

Documents must adhere to the page limits and formatting requirements to be reviewed.

4) WRITING SAMPLE

This brief writing sample (no more than five pages total, single or double spaced, including footnotes or endnotes, in Times New Roman 11-point font), should include a brief description of context and the sample's relation to the proposed project.

5) OPTIONAL PERSONAL STATEMENT

This brief personal statement of up to one page (double spaced, Times New Roman 11-point font) should describe how your background and personal experiences have influenced your intellectual trajectory as a scholar.

DOCUMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

- All items must be uploaded as one continuous document.
- Margins must be at least one inch on all sides.
- Use Times New Roman 11-point font for all uploaded documents.
- There is a 3 MB limit on the size of your upload. This means that the total size of the upload, including any graphics or supplementary materials, cannot exceed 3 MB.
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- If your proposal includes non-Romance language characters, please view it after uploading to be sure these characters convert properly. If not, you may have to convert your document to .pdf and upload again to resolve formatting problems.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPLOADING YOUR DOCUMENTS:

Your items should be collated in this order—proposal, bibliography, publication list, optional personal statement, and writing sample—and submitted as one file.

Files will be accepted in the following formats **ONLY**:

Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), Text only (.txt), or Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf). **Your file MUST include the appropriate extension** (e.g., ".doc"); if you are on a Mac, you will need to enter the extension as part of the file name.

The "SELECT" button below will allow you to browse your computer system to select the file that you wish to upload. There will be a brief pause after you select the file for the system to process the file for uploading. After that is complete, you must click "UPLOAD FILE" to begin the document conversion. When the upload is complete, your file name should appear under "FILE UPLOADED" below as a link. You can confirm that the file has uploaded successfully by clicking on that

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- uploaded successfully your proposal and accompanying documents

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***Please note** that, by the application deadline, you must complete the REFERENCE LETTERS section in addition to submitting your application.

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I have completed the application, and would like to **SUBMIT** it for ACLS consideration.