

*RCAH Graduate Fellowship Program
Michigan State University, The Graduate School
2011-2012*

The Graduate School at Michigan State University (MSU) and the MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) are sponsoring a graduate fellowship program for doctoral students with interests in teaching, learning, engagement, and assessment in higher education. The primary goals of the RCAH Graduate Fellowship Program are to provide professional and career development opportunities outside of regular classroom instruction for a diverse group of graduate students as mentors, tutors, and group leaders in various aspects of the RCAH and to contribute directly to the scholarship of teaching, especially in the areas of the humanities, world language proficiency, the visual and performing arts, and civic engagement.

The Program is for doctoral students who are enrolled in programs associated with the Colleges of Arts & Letters, Music, Education, Social Science, Communications Arts and Sciences, and Agriculture and Natural Resources. Students selected for this **full-year program** will participate in group meetings twice a month and smaller discussions with fellowship recipients, outside speakers, and/or faculty members on topics related to teaching, learning, and engagement. Fellowship recipients will work toward defining a small project related to the scholarship of teaching and/or the scholarship of engagement. This will complement other work done as part of the Certification in College Teaching Program (<http://grad.msu.edu/teaching.htm>). Assistance with projects will be provided by faculty mentors in the RCAH. Fellows will be encouraged and supported to disseminate project results on websites, at conferences, and/or in peer-reviewed journals. Each fellow will receive \$7,500 to help support project expenses and/or travel to a conference to disseminate findings. Selected fellows may also be eligible for a second year in the program.

Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a Ph.D., be in good academic standing, and making progress on their degrees. Applicants should submit the attached application form; a cv.; and a two-page application essay that addresses reasons for applying; RCAH courses or extracurricular programs of interest; names of potential RCAH faculty collaborators; how the applicants' experience intersects with the RCAH's emphasis on undergraduate education in the arts and humanities, the scholarship on teaching and learning, world language proficiency, the visual and performing arts, and/or civic engagement; and how participation in the program will enhance their professional development. Awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panel, have demonstrated academic achievement, are committed to a career involving teaching, and show potential to contribute to the RCAH programs in a meaningful way. In addition to these criteria, applicants demonstrating experience or interest in the arts and humanities will be privileged. **Applications must be submitted on or before April 8, 2011.** Announcements of fellowship recipients for the 2011-2012 academic year will be made by April 30, 2011. All applicants will be invited to the RCAH Fellows Symposium held April 13, 2011.

For further information or questions regarding the program, please see the RCAH website (<http://rcah.msu.edu>) or contact Professor Joanna Bosse, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Snyder C210 or by email at jbosse@msu.edu. Applications should be submitted electronically to Dawn Janetzke at janetz7@msu.edu.

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Doctoral Student Application

Instructions: Please complete items 1-6 and have your faculty advisor and department chair sign the endorsement statement (see box below). Submit the complete application, C.V., and brief application essay (see below), by email to: Dean Stephen L. Esquith, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, (esquith@msu.edu).

All applications must be submitted on or before **Friday, April 8, 2011.**

- 1) First and Last Name: _____
- 2) Department/School: _____
- 3) College: _____
- 4) Campus Address: _____
- 5) Email: _____
- 6) Campus Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

<p>Endorsement by Department Chair or Director of Graduate Committee <u>and</u> Advisor</p> <p>The above is a doctoral student in good standing who has my endorsement for his/her participation in the RCAH Fellowship Program.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Department Chair or Graduate Program Director</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name (print) of Department Chair or Graduate Program Director</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Graduate Advisor</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name (print) of Graduate Advisor</p>

*Please write a two-page application essay outlining possible courses or extracurricular programs you may work with during your fellowship year. The essay should include the names of potential RCAH faculty collaborators; address how your experience intersects with the RCAH's emphasis on undergraduate education in the arts and humanities, the scholarship of teaching and learning, world language proficiency, the visual and performing arts, and/or civic engagement; and how participation in the program will enhance your professional development.