

2025-26 TANNER VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
OBERT C. AND GRACE A. TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

The Tanner Humanities Center's mission is to promote humanistic research and education at the University of Utah, in the state, and in the nation. The Center sponsors an annual competitive fellowship program to promote research by visiting faculty and independent scholars, and faculty and graduate students from the University of Utah. See <http://www.thc.utah.edu> for more information.

Eligibility

Applications for projects leading to completion of an advanced degree are NOT eligible. Applicants must have Ph.D.s in hand two years prior to August 1, 2025, or by **August 1, 2023**, to be eligible.

The Tanner Humanities Center will award two visiting fellowships for the academic year 2025-26. Faculty who are independent scholars, as well as those affiliated with colleges and universities, interested in humanistic issues are eligible to apply. Projects in any of the following fields are eligible for support: anthropology and archaeology, communication, history, philosophy, religious studies, ethnic/gender/cultural studies, jurisprudence, history/theory/criticism of the arts, languages, and linguistics, literature, creative writing, historical or philosophical issues in the social and natural sciences, or the professions.

The Center encourages projects that are interdisciplinary and likely to contribute to substantive intellectual exchange among a diverse group of scholars. Visiting fellows may hold other support (sabbatical or other funding) during their fellowship but should note such support in their proposal or cover letter.

What The Center Provides

The Center provides the the Visiting Fellow a stipend of \$70,000 paid directly to the home institution of the fellow. Fellows will also receive use of an office space and library privileges. **The University of Utah does not provide fellows with health insurance, stipend for moving costs, parking permits, or gym membership.** If you have your stipend paid to your home institution, this usually ensures continuation of your usual employment benefits, provided your institution agrees to this arrangement, or you may purchase health insurance on an individual basis through the University of Utah Benefits Office.

Fellowship Activities

The Tanner Humanities Center is a thriving intellectual community. In support of this, Fellows are required to remain working *in residence* at the Tanner Humanities Center for the nine-month academic fellowship year (**September through May**), to participate in Center activities, and to contribute to the intellectual life of the University community. Fellows should notify Center staff of necessary short absences for research trips. Each fellow will present an academic talk on his or her work in progress. The Center's Fellows meet regularly with center's director in informal weekly or bi-weekly sessions.

Selection Criteria

The Tanner Humanities Center Faculty Advisory Board selects fellows. This group is comprised of a dozen faculty from NEH-defined humanities disciplines. The Center seeks Fellows whose work demonstrates excellence and represents a variety of disciplines and methodologies without regard to senior or junior status, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship, or national or ethnic origin. The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities to people with disabilities.

Application Process

The review panel is composed of scholars from a wide range of disciplines who may not possess specialized knowledge of the candidates' proposed field of study. The project should, therefore, be clearly explained and justified, and **free from jargon**.

Please **label each section, paginate the Narrative Summary, and double-space** throughout in a typeface at least 12 pt in size. Applications should include, in THIS order:

- 1) **Cover Sheet:** An official cover sheet, required for all proposals, is attached.
- 2) **Abstract** (one page, single-spaced)
- 3) **Narrative Summary** (Sections A, B, C, and D should be no longer than five pages plus (if necessary) one page of notes, and should contain:

A. Conception and Definition of the Project: Describe the specific research planned for the fellowship period; explain the basic humanistic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored. Clearly explain the relationship of the project to your past and future research objectives, and expressly tie the project to the recent/current work of other scholars in the same general area of the humanities.

B. Significance: Explain the significance of the proposed work and the anticipated contribution of the project to the research presently existing on the relevant topic or question. Proposals which duplicate existing work or fail to distinguish their originality or significance will be disqualified. Although we do not disqualify proposals which are dissertation rewrites, the Board encourages and prefers proposals which result in a project that is demonstrably separate, and distinct from, the applicant's dissertation.

C. Plan of Work and Methodology: Outline the work plan, methodology, and schedule for the period of research proposed, noting preliminary work already completed; describe the present state of the project, and detail any stages to be completed after the fellowship period. Please be as precise as possible about activities during the nine-month fellowship period.

D. Expected Results: Project the likely and intended results of research during the fellowship period as well as plans for further research on the same topic. The following sorts of questions should be addressed: Will a book result? A series of articles? Lectures? Performances? New scholarly editions? Something else? If you have secured final or tentative publication or other form of dissemination of the results, please inform us.

- 4) **Personal Information:** Attach a *curriculum vitae* (**not longer than five pages; abbreviate if necessary**) to the proposal. The *curriculum vitae* should include a record of:
 - A. the applicant's education, including title of dissertation;
 - B. academic honors or awards received;
 - C. employment history and teaching fields;
 - D. scholarly work (publications, exhibitions, performances, papers delivered at professional meetings);
- 5) **Two** scholars qualified to assess your abilities and the value of the proposed research project should forward to the Tanner Humanities Center letters of reference. Do not arrange for more than two letters of reference. Additional letters will be discarded.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024 we must receive all of your materials. **Please send materials directly to Beth James via e-mail beth.james@utah.edu in ONE file in PDF format.**

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024 we must separately receive your letters of reference. The letters should also be sent to beth.james@utah.edu in PDF format. If your file is incomplete (primarily, lacking

letters) we will notify you. The Center will also notify you of the Faculty Advisory Board's decision by March 1, 2025.

QUESTIONS? E-mail Scott Black (Scott.black@utah.edu), Director or Beth James (beth.james@utah.edu), Administrative Director.

As with most fellowship programs, all of the visiting fellows' normal contract provisions between themselves and their home institutions continue to be in force. All visiting fellows remain employees of their home institutions while on leave at the Tanner Humanities Center. The visiting fellows at the Tanner Humanities Center are not employees of the University of Utah. The Tanner Humanities Center is not responsible for visiting fellows' payroll taxes or insurance. The Internal Revenue Service does consider fellows' research stipend remuneration to be ordinary income subject to income taxes; fellows retain responsibility for proper W4-form withholding arrangements and all income tax liabilities. The Tanner Humanities Center is happy to arrange payment of fellows' research stipend through the fellows' home institutions for fellows' convenience.

**TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
2025-2026 TANNER VISITING FACULTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Your Address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (office) _____

Month & Year Ph.D. received (on or before August 1, 2023) _____

Awarding Institution _____

Present Academic Affiliation: _____ Independent Scholar? _____

Dept./Program: _____ Since (year): _____

Academic Rank: _____ Tenured: YES NO

Title of Your Research Project: _____

To the best of my knowledge, this proposal meets the objectives, restrictions, conditions, and guidelines of the 2025-26 Tanner Humanities Center Visiting Research Fellowship Program.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____
(you may type your name in as electronic signature confirmation)

Names, e-mail addresses of **ONLY two references** familiar with your work (including the present proposal), whom you have asked to send recommendations directly to Tanner Humanities Center:

1. _____

2. _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Send all application materials via e-mail to Beth James, Administrative Director:
beth.james@utah.edu. All materials should be in PDF format. All materials, including letters of reference, are due on or before December 1, 2024.

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Instructions for Referees of Visiting Fellowship Applicants

In writing your letter of reference for a Tanner Humanities Center Fellowship candidate, it would be helpful to the Center's review panel if you commented specifically on the applicant's proposed project while keeping in mind the following selection criteria:

- the conception and definition of the research or writing project;
- the project's contribution to the field in terms of its significance and originality;
- the capability, based on past performance, of this candidate to undertake and complete this project within or shortly after the nine-month fellowship residency;
- the applicant's work plan and methodology; and

The Center strives to create an environment for positive intellectual and humanistic exchange. Please comment on the candidate's collegiality and ability to work and interact effectively with fellows, faculty, staff, and students.

Please send your letter of reference directly to Beth James, Administrative Director, beth.james@utah.edu. All letters should be in PDF format.

The deadline for receipt of reference letters is DECEMBER 1, 2024.