What is the IAS?

- Interdisciplinary University-wide center
- Supports and encourages research and creative work in arts, sciences, humanities
- Fosters collaborative and interdisciplinary work
- Dedicated to public and intellectual exchanges across and beyond the University
Located in Northrop, on the Twin Cities Campus
Faculty Fellows Program

• Residential fellowship at the IAS on the Twin Cities campus for one semester

• All University of Minnesota tenure-line faculty are eligible (except IAS Advisory Board members and those who have had an IAS faculty fellowship in the past 5 years)

• Designed to allow fellows to participate in and benefit from the IAS’s interdisciplinary community of scholars

• Projects have included book manuscripts, articles, grant proposals, gallery shows, theatrical works, etc.
Faculty Fellows Program

What is included?

• One semester release from teaching

• Half of faculty salary and fringe for the semester in residence (capped at $30,000); your college covers the other half

• Up to $10,000 for relocation expenses (rent in the Twin Cities, mileage, utilities, etc.) for faculty from other system campuses

• Workspace with computer and printer at the IAS offices

• Access to IAS Grant Consultant and University of Minnesota Press editors
Faculty Fellows Program

What is involved?

• Two-day retreat at the beginning of the semester
• Weekly lunches
• Attendance at IAS Thursdays presentations
• Informal opportunities
• Work on your own
Faculty Fellows Program

It is not:

• Official leave – service obligations still possible. As it is not official leave, it does not count against your sabbatical clock

• Time entirely to yourself – expectation is that fellows will participate in the intellectual community of the IAS
Faculty Fellows Program

Faculty Fellows – Spring 2006 to Spring 2018:

• 154 faculty fellows
• 54 departments/programs
• 13 colleges/schools/divisions
• 3 campuses
• 57 were tenured following their fellowship
Faculty Fellows Program

• “Scholar’s paradise”
• “What I dreamed academic life would be like”
• “By the end of the semester, I felt so much more confident about my research project than I had at the beginning, and that had much less to do with how much time I had spent writing and more to do with my sense of having grown intellectually as a consequence of participation in the IAS program.”
• “An intellectual candy store.”
Other Fellows at the IAS

• Program fellows funded by grants to the IAS
• Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellows
• Community of Scholars Doctoral Fellows
• Visiting fellows
• Scholars and Artists in Residence
Faculty Fellowship Application

• Due at noon, Monday, October 22, 2018
• Online application
• Routes for approval to department chair and college dean
• Reviewed by IAS board committee
• Decisions will be announced by the end of January 2019

https://ias.umn.edu/fellows-app
Faculty Fellowship Application

• Proposal abstract – 1200 characters
• Description – 1,500 words
  List of works cited do not need to be included in word count
• Complete curriculum vitae

Up to three additional files may be attached
• Images (e.g., for visual projects)
• Do not include letters of support or writing samples

ALL FILES MUST BE PDFs
Faculty Fellowship Application

Proposal Description
• What is your project?
• What is its significance?

What reviewers want to see in your proposal:
• A plan of work – do you have a clear idea of what you intend to do?
• Why the IAS? How does being at the IAS benefit your project?
• How do you see yourself developing in and contributing to an interdisciplinary community?
• With whom and how does your work connect in the academic and/or broader community?

Your project does **not** need to be connected to an IAS Research and Creative Collaborative or the Grand Challenges
Faculty Fellowship Application

What reviewers **do not** want to see in your proposal:

• “I just need time to myself to finish writing my book.”

• “My project is nearly finished and I already know exactly where it is headed.”

• Impenetrable jargon.
Applying in a team

• Two or three faculty involved in collaborative work may apply as a team

• May submit the same general project description, but each applicant should include a paragraph indicating precisely what his or her contribution to the final project will be

• Applications will be evaluated both on individual merit and as a group
Faculty Fellowship Application

Online application via WorkflowGen system
Request #35143

Faculty Fellow Application 2023-24

Date: 03/20/23
First name: Suzanne
Last name: Smith
Email: suzanne@umn.edu
Internet ID: suzsmith
Employee ID: 1653649
Department:
College and campus:
Project title:
Project abstract (limit 1200 characters):
If you are applying as a part of a team, list other team members’ names:

When you would prefer to take the fellowship? Unless you have a strong preference, please select “No preference.”
We aim to have roughly equal numbers of fellows each semester: we also hope to place fellows in groups that make intellectual sense.
Semester preference:

Proposal (limit 1500 words):
Full curriculum vitae:
Other documentation (not required): Attachments MUST be PDFs.

Search here for your chairhead’s Internet ID:
Enter Internet ID of department chair or head:

Submit  Save as draft
Questions?

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