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 $35,000); your college covers the remaining portion
• 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 Grants Developer, University of Minnesota Press editors, and DASH and Library Liaisons
Faculty Fellows Program

What is involved?

• Retreat at the beginning of the semester
• Weekly work-in-progress seminars
• Participation in IAS public programming
• Informal discussion and workshop 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 2020:
• 196 faculty fellows
• 56 departments/programs
• 13 colleges/schools/divisions
• 3 campuses
• At least 63 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

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

• Due at noon, Monday, November 8
• Online application
• Routes for approval to department chair and college dean (talk to your chair in advance of your application)
• Reviewed by IAS board committee
• Decisions will be announced by the end of January 2022

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

• Proposal abstract – 1,200 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.
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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.
Faculty Fellowship Application

Applying in a team
• Two or three faculty involved in collaborative work may apply as a team
• Each person submits an individual application
• 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
Complete application instructions available at https://ias.umn.edu/opportunities/fellows-app

Faculty Fellowship Application Instructions

Application Deadline:
Monday, November 8, 2021 at noon

For details on the Faculty Fellowship program, click here.

This page explains the technical instructions for submitting your application materials via Workflow Gen. Hard copy applications will be accepted only by special arrangement.

Start New Application

1. Go to https://wfgen.umn.edu/wfgen/
2. Log in with your internet ID and password
3. Click on “New request:"
4. Choose “IAS Faculty Fellowship Application 2022–23.”

Edit Existing Application
Faculty Fellowship Application
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