

The Boston University Humanities Foundation

TO All Senior Humanities Faculty
FROM James A. Winn

The Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellowships in the Humanities

Since 2004, the Humanities Foundation, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, has offered research fellowships to senior faculty from Boston University. In 2007, these fellowships were named in honor of CAS Dean Jeffrey Henderson, who did much to make them possible. Application pools have become steadily larger, and competition for awards is keen. We are actively engaged in fundraising to support more Fellows in future, but at present, we are able to fund only about one-quarter of those who apply. This announcement clarifies and slightly modifies the rules of our annual competition. As in the past, Senior Research Fellows will receive one semester's release from teaching at full salary, with the Humanities Foundation providing their departments with course replacement funds. Fellowship recipients will now normally be expected to participate in a monthly seminar with other faculty fellowship recipients during the year in which they hold the fellowship. If a Senior Fellow's research project requires residence abroad or away from Boston during the period of the award, the Fellow will attend the seminar during the first year of teaching following the award. The Fellows' Seminar, bringing together junior and senior faculty supported by the Foundation, will form the core of the intellectual community we hope to build.

Eligibility Requirements: Senior faculty members are eligible to apply at two different times in the regular cycle of sabbatical leaves.

1. If you are eligible for an earned sabbatical next year and wish to extend that semester into a full year of research leave, you may apply to the Foundation to fund the second semester.
2. If you are between sabbatical leaves, you may apply to the Foundation to fund a semester's release from teaching during the next academic year, in order to complete a research project in progress or to advance a new project already underway. Eligibility is determined as follows:
 - In the fall semester of the application year, you must have completed **at least four and no more than six semesters** of teaching since your last sabbatical;
 - At the time you take up your fellowship, you must have completed **at least six and no more than eight semesters** of teaching since your last sabbatical.

Holding a fellowship won in either of these cycles does not make you ineligible to apply in another cycle. All faculty applying for an SRF should have submitted good faith applications for outside funding and turned in the necessary Sabbatical/Leave of Absence paperwork (including copies of external funding applications) to the CAS Faculty Actions Office. **Note that the deadline for submission of both sets of applications (to the Humanities Foundation and to CAS Faculty Actions) is the same, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. Applicants will be informed of our decisions by the end of the first semester.**

Selection Process: The Humanities Foundation Executive Committee, appointed by the CAS Dean, work with our Director to select the fellows. Selection will be based on the overall strength of the research proposal itself, the strength of the support materials accompanying the proposal, and the timeliness and probability of the project being completed during the period of the award.

Materials should be sent to lokenkim@bu.edu as an attachment. Our website (www.bu.edu/hf) provides a downloadable application form.

Henderson Senior Research Fellowship Application for 2010/11
Deadline: October 15, 2009

Full Name _____ Date _____
Department _____ Email address _____
Office Address _____ Office Telephone _____
Home Address _____ Home Telephone _____
Proposal Title _____

Requesting:

- Additional Semester (I am applying for sabbatical next academic year.)
- Mid-Term Semester (I have taught at least four and not more than six semesters since my last sabbatical.)

Include:

- ◆ This application form
- ◆ A five- to ten-page description of the research project, on the model of those you will be submitting to external funding agencies. In addition to providing a description of your project that can be assessed by senior faculty from many different fields in the humanities, you should be sure to provide a realistic estimate of what aspect or stage of the project you would work on or complete during the award period. You should also comment on how your project contributes to your specific field and to ongoing discussions in the humanities more generally.
- ◆ A current CV (4 page maximum)
The names of three senior scholars outside the University whom you have **already asked** to write evaluations of your project.

	Name	Affiliation	Email address
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

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