



Dissertation-Completion Fellowship in American Religion and Politics

The John C. Danforth Center at Washington University in St. Louis is pleased to offer one or two fellowships to support completion of a dissertation on religion and politics in the United States. Fellows will spend the 2013-2014 academic year in residence at Washington University in St. Louis. Most of their time will be devoted to research and writing on their dissertations. Fellows will also be asked to contribute to the Center's intellectual life by organizing a small conference or other event of interest to the wider University and the general public. They will be expected to share in the Center's ongoing colloquium and some of its other programs.

Compensation: Fellows will receive a stipend of \$28,000 and an allowance for relocation. They will be given additional support for organizing public events. Some funds may also be available for professional travel. Fellows will be expected to continue their medical and other benefits through their home institutions.

Required Qualifications: Applicants should be currently enrolled in a doctoral program in religious studies, politics, history, or another relevant field. They should be at work on a dissertation that is centrally concerned with historical or contemporary topics in the religious and political experience of the United States. By the time of application, prospective fellows should have received approval for the dissertation prospectus from their home institutions and satisfied all other requirements for doctoral candidacy there. The fellowship appointment is for a single year, and the Center expects that a fellow will have completed the dissertation by its conclusion. Washington University in St. Louis is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer, and it especially encourages members of underrepresented groups to apply. The fellowship is not open to students enrolled in a doctoral program at Washington University.

Application Instructions: Applicants must send the following items to the Center's e-mail address, rap@wustl.edu, by **January 6, 2013**:

- A current *curriculum vitae*
- A cover letter that includes a description of a conference or other public event to be organized during the fellowship year
- A 500-word description of the dissertation
- A copy of the approved dissertation prospectus
- A sample of writing, not to exceed 3000 words, from the dissertation or from another piece on the dissertation's topic

Applicants should arrange to have three confidential letters of recommendation sent directly to the Center from scholars who are familiar with their work. One of these letters should come from the applicant's dissertation director or supervisor. The letters are due by the application deadline, since review of the applications will begin immediately.

Invitations to fellows for 2013-2014 will be announced by February 15, 2013.

For more information, contact the Center at (314) 935-9345 or via e-mail at rap@wustl.edu.