

Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley  
**TOWNSEND FELLOWSHIPS 2010-2011**

Our longest-running program, Townsend Fellowships support the research of graduate students and assistant professors at UC Berkeley. Throughout the year the fellows meet for regular discussions together with several tenured faculty, and other invited guests. These discussions allow for interdisciplinary peer review of work in progress in a weekly discussion format.

**Who is Eligible?** Graduate Students (advanced to candidacy), Assistant Professors at UC Berkeley

**Application Deadline:** Monday, November 16, 2009 by 5pm

**Award Amount:** *Assistant Professors:* 50% research leave from teaching responsibilities  
*Graduate Students:* \$18,000 stipend

**Program Details:**

Townsend Fellowships are awarded to:

**1. Assistant Professors** whose research projects significantly involve humanistic material or problems which have a significant bearing on the humanities, and who will not be under consideration for tenure in 2010-2011. Faculty Fellows receive a 50% research leave from teaching responsibilities. Please note: individual faculty members do not normally receive funding under more than one Townsend Center research program per year.

**2. Graduate Students** writing Ph.D. dissertations whose research projects significantly involve humanistic material or problems that have a significant bearing on the humanities. The competition is open to graduate students who are advanced to candidacy, or who will be advanced to candidacy by June 2010. Graduate students receive an \$18,000 stipend. In general, the award will not affect the student's eligibility to receive the Dean's Normative Time Fellowship (DNTF), which, in most cases, can be postponed. Specific questions about the DNTF should be directed to the Graduate Division's Fellowships Office, 510-642-0672. Because the purpose of the Townsend Fellowship is to enable full-time research, we expect that students will not hold other university appointments during the academic year.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to further the research of the individual recipients and to promote interdepartmental exchange: i.e., to enable faculty and graduate students within the humanities to meet and work with their colleagues in other departments. However, the project need not be "interdisciplinary" by definition. Awards are based on the scholarly merit of the individual applications. The selection committee will also take into consideration the research project's potential interest to scholars in different fields of the humanities and the likelihood of the applicant's contributing to interdisciplinary discussion. The Fellows, together with several tenured faculty appointed by the director of the Townsend Center, form a Fellowship group, which meets over lunch every Tuesday to discuss work in progress. The award of a fellowship carries with it the understanding that the recipient will attend the weekly meetings of the Fellowship group and participate actively as a member.

For questions about the program, please contact Bridgette Lehrer, Fellowships Coordinator at: [blehrer@berkeley.edu](mailto:blehrer@berkeley.edu) or 510-643-8082.

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**Applicants must submit:**

1. A completed Application Cover Sheet (attached or available on our website).
2. A cover letter containing a concise summary (no more than 200 words) of the project to be undertaken during the leave time (*assistant professors*), OR, of the dissertation project and the present stage of research and writing. Please include a statement of when you plan to be advanced to candidacy (*graduate students*).
3. A detailed description of the proposed work and its significance. The description should be no more than 3 pages or 1000 words, double spaced.
4. A curriculum vitae.
5. Two letters of reference, sent under separate cover:

*Assistant Professors:* One must be from your department chairperson, evaluating your research project in relation to your career as scholar and teacher, and indicating the department's approval of the proposed research leave. The second letter may be from any person, either within or outside of UCB, appropriate to comment upon the applicant and the proposed project.

*Graduate Students:* One of these must be written by your dissertation adviser.

Please do not send more than two letters, as only the two noted on your cover sheet will be distributed to selection committee members.

Cover letters and letters of reference should be addressed to **Director Anthony J. Cascardi**.

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**The Townsend Center is now accepting applications for fellowships and grants via email as well as in hardcopy. Email submissions are strongly encouraged.**

**Email Submissions:** Please create one Word or PDF document, or zip file, that contains all of the materials stipulated above (excluding the letters of reference). When you save the file, please include your last name, first initial, and "TF0910" in the filename, separated by periods or underscores, such as:

**Kornstein.H.TF0910.doc**

**Smith\_J\_TF0910.pdf**

Send the file as an attachment in an email to [townsend\\_applications@berkeley.edu](mailto:townsend_applications@berkeley.edu). We will confirm the receipt of your materials within two business days. If you do not hear from us, please try sending another email or calling – do not assume we have received your materials unless we send a confirmation email!

**Paper Submissions:** Please prepare the materials above (excluding the letters of reference) into one paper-clipped packet. Pages should be singled-sided and should be collated in the order listed above. (*Please note that in the past we have asked for seven sets, however, we now only require one copy.*) Please mail or hand-deliver applications to:

Bridgette Lehrer, Fellowships Coordinator  
Townsend Center for the Humanities  
220 Stephens Hall #2340  
University of California  
Berkeley, CA 94720-2340  
Phone: 510-643-8082

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**APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Assistant Professor  Graduate Student

Student ID No: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Department:</b>
<b>Mailing Address for February 2010 (Department address is acceptable):</b>	
<b>Email Address (currently and during Spring semester):</b>	
<b>Title of Project:</b>	

Reference 1		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Email Address (required):</b>

Reference 2		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Department:</b>	<b>Email Address (required):</b>

How would you prefer to be contacted in February 2010:  via email  via mail

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