**Call for Proposals**

The Townsend Fellowships program for faculty and advanced graduate students at UC Berkeley supports research that significantly involves humanistic material or problems that have a significant bearing on the humanities. The purpose of the Fellowship is both to further the research of the individual recipients and to enable faculty and graduate students within the humanities to meet and work with colleagues in other disciplines and departments. However, projects 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 contribution to interdisciplinary discussion.

Townsend Fellowships are awarded to assistant professors, associate professors, and graduate students completing their dissertation, as well as to library and museum professionals. Fellows meet in weekly discussions for interdisciplinary peer review of work in progress. Each year a number of senior faculty and visiting postdoctoral fellows are invited to join the discussions.

Townsend Dissertation Fellows will also be eligible to apply for the Professor Norman Jacobson Memorial Teaching Award, which supports innovative teaching efforts in the humanities and interpretive social sciences, and which provides the awardee with an additional stipend. Applications will be evaluated on the strength of the applicant’s teaching dossier and on the description of a teaching-related project to be carried out during the course of the academic year.

**Eligibility**

*Assistant Professors*: UC Berkeley assistant professors not under consideration for tenure currently or during the fellowship year are eligible to apply.

*Associate Professors*: UC Berkeley associate professors not currently under consideration for promotion to full professor are eligible to apply. Applicants must be tenured for at least one year prior to the year of the award. Priority will be given to faculty in the Arts and Humanities Division.

*Graduate Students*:Townsend Dissertation Fellowships are awarded to graduate students at UC Berkeley who have advanced to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by the time of application. Once selected, Dissertation Fellows are eligible to apply for the Jacobson Award.

**Application Deadline**

Friday, November 8, 2019 – received by 5:00 pm.

**Grant Provision**

*Assistant and Associate Professors*: 50% research leave (2 courses, assuming a 2-2 teaching load) from teaching responsibilities for the full academic year. Fellows make arrangements for course release, whether taken in a single semester or spread out over the year, directly with the chair of their department. As a consideration for this reduction in teaching, a faculty fellow’s department receives $20,000 in funds. The funds may be divided between two departments in the case of a joint appointment.

Please note: Individual faculty members do not normally receive funding under more than one major Townsend Center research program per year.

*Graduate Students*: Townsend Dissertation Fellows receive a $22,000 stipend for the academic year. The Jacobson Award for innovative teaching provides an additional $2,500 stipend to one Townsend Dissertation Fellow. The Townsend Center will also provide payment of in-state tuition.

Townsend Dissertation Fellows may combine other fellowship awards, if also permitted by the terms of the other awards, up to the maximum amount set by the Graduate Division. Because the purpose of the Townsend Fellowship is to enable full-time research, Townsend Fellows are not eligible to hold teaching appointments in the academic year during which they hold the fellowship.

**The Fellows meet over lunch Tuesdays from 12 to 2 pm throughout the academic year. The award of a Townsend Fellowship carries with it the understanding that recipients will attend the weekly meetings throughout the year, present current research, respond formally to other fellows’ work, and participate actively in discussions.**

*For questions about the program, please contact the Townsend Center for the Humanities at townsend\_fellowships@berkeley.edu*

**Application Guidelines**All applicants must submit the following materials:

1. A completed application cover sheet for the Assistant Professor Fellowship, Associate Professor Fellowship, or Dissertation Fellowship (attached below).
2. A cover letter containing an under 200-word summary of the project to be undertaken during the leave time (assistant and associate professors), or of the dissertation project (graduate students).
3. A detailed description of the proposed work and its significance, not to exceed 1500 words.

(If images that cannot be inserted into the document are referenced in the proposal, they may be included in one separate attachment.)

1. A curriculum vitae.
2. *Assistant Professors***:** Two letters of recommendation, sent under separate cover. One must be from the department chair, evaluating the research project in relation to the applicant’s career trajectory and indicating the department's approval of the proposed research leave. The second letter may be from any person, either within or outside of UC Berkeley, in a position to evaluate the applicant and the proposed project. If the applicant has a joint appointment, the second letter should be from the chair of the second department.

*Associate Professors***:** One letter of recommendation from the department chair (or from each chair for applicants with joint appointments), sent under separate cover. This letter should explain the value of the project to the discipline, to the professional development of the potential awardee, and to the department.

*Graduate Students***:** Two letters of recommendation, sent by recommenders. One of the letters must be written by the dissertation advisor. Please do not have more than two letters sent. Only the two listed on the cover sheet will be distributed to the selection committee.

**Cover letters and letters of recommendation should be addressed to Director Timothy Hampton.**

**Submission GuidelinesThe Townsend Center requires all application materials to be sent electronically with the exception of letters of recommendation, which may be sent either electronically or in hard copy.**

**Email submissions:** Please create one Word document that contains all of the materials stipulated above (excluding the letters of recommendation). When you save the file, please include your last name, first initial, and “TF\_2020-21” in the filename, e.g., **Smith\_J\_TF\_2020-21.docx**

**All electronic application materials should be sent to townsend\_applications@berkeley.edu.**

Recommendations in hard copy may be mailed or delivered to:

Fellowships

Townsend Center for the Humanities

University of California, Berkeley

220 Stephens Hall  
Berkeley, California 94720-2340

**Application Cover Sheet**

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| Name: | **Department:** |
| **Fellowship type (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Dissertation):** | |
| **Email address:** | |
| **Title of project:** | |
| **Other major fellowships awarded (current and previous) and/or currently applied for:** | |
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| **Department manager:** | **Email address:** |

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| **Reference 1** | | |
| **Name:** | Department: | **Email address:** |

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| **Reference 2 (For graduate students and assistant professors, and for associate professors with joint appointments)** | | |
| **Name:** | Department: | **Email address:** |

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| **Additional Graduate Student Information** |
| **Student ID no.** |
| **Date of advancement to candidacy:** |

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| **Award transfer information for MSO or Financial Officer** Faculty: Dept ID and CF2 will be requested upon award.  Graduate Student: Award will be transferred by Townsend Center through CalCentral and SIS. |