



PennState

Postdoctoral Scholar, Humanities Institute

The Penn State Humanities Institute, in partnership with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign through the Humanities Without Walls Initiative, seeks applications for a Postdoctoral Scholar, beginning Fall 2024. This is a one-year (48-week) term appointment with an excellent possibility of renewal.

This is a residence appointment; it is therefore expected that the Postdoctoral Scholar will work onsite at Penn State's University Park campus for the full appointment. They are expected to be available for interaction with Penn State faculty and grad students and will participate in the Institute's colloquia and other events, as appropriate to their interests. The position carries an annual stipend of \$62,500, \$2,500 in research funds for the appointment, and a modest moving allowance.

More information on the benefits offered with this position can be found at <https://www.research.psu.edu/opa/benefits>.

No teaching is required; however, teaching opportunities may be available if the scholar wishes. The Penn State Humanities Institute (HI) is dedicated to supporting research and teaching that is shaped by a collaborative spirit and is alert to how humanities scholarship is crucial for broader conversations about pressing social issues.

Humanities Without Walls (HWW; <https://www.humanitieswithoutwalls.illinois.edu/>), funded by the Mellon Foundation, is a consortium of university humanities centers across the Midwest which support collaborative, publicly engaged research and career development opportunities for humanities scholars. The HWW grant aims to disrupt the porous boundary between the academy and "the world" through collaborative partnerships that are ethical and equitable by design. HWW prioritizes projects that expand access to education and utilize methodologies which reflect the themes of reciprocity and redistribution (<https://www.humanitieswithoutwalls.illinois.edu/about/consortium-objectives>).

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African American Intellectual History Society

<https://www.aaihs.org/resources/af-am-job-openings/>

We also expect the applicant to complement the Humanities Institute's Public Humanities Initiative (<https://hi.psu.edu/initiatives-and-programs/public-humanities-initiative/>) which attempts to put humanities research into contact with the social world. Applicants are encouraged to explain how their work reflects these objectives in their cover letter.

The HI welcomes applications from scholars who have received their PhDs within the past three years (after May 1, 2021). Terminal degrees must be in hand by July 1, 2024. Only untenured scholars who have not held the title of "assistant professor" are eligible (visiting, non-tenure-line assistant professors are eligible); lecturers with indefinite appointments that renew (rather than terminate after a fixed term) are ineligible. Applicants can come from any area in traditional humanities fields (as defined, for example, by the National Endowment for the Humanities: <https://www.neh.gov/about>).

Due to the collaborative initiative of HWW, PhD recipients of and current faculty members at the Pennsylvania State University are not eligible to apply for this appointment at Penn State; however, they may apply at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (and vice versa).

Applications should include (1) a CV, not to exceed 10 pages, (2) contact information for two references, and (3) a cover letter detailing your area(s) of expertise and training and describing the project you will undertake during the appointment (not to exceed 2,000 words).

In addition, successful candidates must either have demonstrated a commitment to building an inclusive, equitable, and diverse campus community, or describe one or more ways they would envision doing so, given the opportunity.

System limitations allow for a total of 5 documents (5mb per document) as part of your application. Please combine materials to meet the 5-document limit.

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2024; candidates being advanced in the interview process will be notified by mid-February 2024.

For more information, call (814) 865-0495 or write to humanities@psu.edu.

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Employment with the University will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies.

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