



Post-Doctoral Research Associates

The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies invites applications for residential Post-Doctoral Research Associates, beginning in July 2026 (must have PhD in hand by June 15, 2026). As this is an early-career opportunity, post-doctoral applicants must have received their Ph.D. no earlier than six years prior to the application deadline. The program welcomes applications from candidates across all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences whose work focuses on African American and African Diasporic Studies, including but not limited in geographic scope to the U.S., the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, and/or the Diaspora. Individuals selected for the fellowship will hold the title of Research Associate and Lecturer. This position is based in Charlottesville, VA, and must be performed fully on-site.

This is a twelve-month appointment, renewable for a second year. The rate of pay is \$53,000 in year one with an increase in the second year. All research associates receive full-time benefits and may be eligible for a one-time relocation reimbursement of \$1,000. Additionally, research associates receive an allowance for research and travel-related expenses (up to \$2,000, annually). Selected applicants are required to teach one course per academic year in the Department of African American and African Studies (AAS), engage in regular manuscript workshops with an interdisciplinary cohort of other scholars, and periodically present their research at public events during the academic year.

Application deadline: December 1, 2025 at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

How to Apply

Please apply [online](#), by searching for requisition number **R0076748**. Complete an application with the following documents:

- C.V/Resume (file naming protocol: LastName_CV)
- Cover Letter (file naming protocol: LastName_Cover Letter)
- Writing Sample 1 (file naming protocol: LastName_Sample1)
 - Please submit 1 attachment containing the following information (for proper formatting, please refer to the sample image in the "formatting" section below)
 - Project title



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- Abstract or short-description of project (should not exceed 50 words)
- Project description (should not exceed 7 double-spaced pages or 1,750 words)
- Writing Sample 2 (file naming protocol: LastName_Sample2)
 - Please submit 1 attachment containing the following:
 - Bibliography (should not exceed 4 double-spaced pages)
 - Syllabus for a previously taught or prospective course
- 3 Letters of Recommendation by persons qualified to evaluate the proposals for which support is being sought
- N.B.: The application does not require an additional academic writing sample (a paper or dissertation chapter). The review committee will assess the abstract and project description as an example of one's writing.

TO APPLY:

- Please visit UVA job board in [WorkDay](#)
- Search for the requisition number: **R0076748**
- **Letters of recommendation** should be sent separately to the following email address: woodsonfellows-recommendation-letters@virginia.edu
- *****All letters of recommendation must be received by December 8, 2025*****
- ***** Please note multiple documents can be submitted in the CV/Resume Box.. *****
- *****Applications that do not contain all the required documents will not receive full consideration.*****

Timeline

Deadlines

- **Application deadline: December 1, 2025**
- Recommendations deadline: December 8, 2025

Review Period

- December 2025 - January 2026

Notification of Awards

- March 2026

Fellowship Residency Begins

- July 2026

Eligibility and Terms/Conditions

The fellowship is open to qualified candidates without restriction as to citizenship or current residence.



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Applicants for the post-doctoral fellowship must have been awarded their Ph.D. by the time of application or furnish proof from the relevant registrar that all documentation required for the Ph.D. has been submitted by July 15, 2026. As this fellowship is an early-career opportunity, post-doctoral applicants must have received their Ph.D. no earlier than *six-years prior* to the application deadline.

The post-doctoral **fellow must be in residence** at UVa in Charlottesville, Virginia for the duration of the award period, and must agree to **teach one course per year** in the African-American and African Studies program during the Fall or Spring semester. Woodson fellows are expected to participate in the series of workshops (about twice monthly) and to make at least one formal presentation of their work to the University community.

The selected candidate will be required to complete a background check at time of offer per University Policy.

Please note: Individuals may not apply for the Woodson pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships at the same time.



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Formatting: "Writing Sample" document

Title:

“de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum”

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Abstract:

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