

Research Associate Program

The Humanities Institute at The University of Texas at Austin

About the Program

The **Research Associate Program** recognizes the importance of the intellectual work carried on outside of universities. The program aims to facilitate and encourage this work by providing private citizens with expanded library access and an institutional affiliation, thereby supplying them with tools and added legitimacy to conduct their work.

Associate Benefits

Like scholars who visit the UT campus from other schools and universities, **Humanities Institute Research Associates** receive temporary access to the University's library resources, which include twenty on-campus libraries, archives, and museums, as well as on-line databases, inter-library loan services, and personalized assistance from subject specialists. **Research Associates** are appointed for one year, with the possibility for renewal.

Research Associates will receive:

1. a UT EID for access to library materials and databases
2. invitation to a regular lunch for Research Associates, UT faculty, and Community Sabbatical grantees to foster dialogue
3. a personalized orientation to the University, highlighting library resources relevant to the Associate's interests
4. a listing of each Research Associate's bio and project description on the Humanities Institute website
5. a \$50 photocopy card to launch library research

Research Associates will be responsible for:

1. submitting a brief bio at the start of the Research Associate term for posting on the Humanities Institute website
2. presenting a work-in-progress talk to other Associates, Community Sabbatical grantees, UT faculty, and University personnel OR leading a discussion with aforementioned on a topic of interest related to your project
3. producing a brief written progress report upon completion of the Associate term. The report will reflect the extent to which goals identified in the Associate's application have been met and plans or prospects for further work.

Eligibility

The Humanities Institute welcomes applications from any Central Texas resident who is currently pursuing or who has immediate plans to pursue a research project that will clearly benefit from expanded access to UT Austin's library materials. In addition to need, proposed projects should be consistent with, or support, the Humanities Institute's mission of promoting humanities exploration and building civic and intellectual community. The Humanities Institute invites applications from all interested persons regardless of academic background or career experience.

Applying to the Research Associate Program

Applications for Research Associateships will be accepted beginning **May 15th** each academic cycle and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all ten Associate slots are filled. Applications will be evaluated for demonstrated **scope, need, and fit** with the Institute's mission. Successfully completed applications will identify a clearly-defined project and will outline why the project requires expanded access to the University's resources. The completed application packet, **including a current résumé**, should be mailed to:

*Research Associate Program Application
The Humanities Institute
The University of Texas at Austin
P.O. Box 7219
Austin, Texas 78713-7219*

**Applications may also be faxed to (512) 475-9107 or emailed to
community@humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu.**

For questions about the program or an application, please contact the Institute at
(512) 471-2654 or send email to community@humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu

Current and Past Research Associates:

2008-9

Julie Knutson, teacher and creative writer

Amie Maciszewski, ethnomusicologist and musician

Alison Moore, creative writer and performer

Aaron Reisfield, creative writer and specialist in plant taxonomy and aromatics

Nancy Rosenau, executive director of EveryChild, Inc.

2007-8

Vanessa L. Davis, program director, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Papa Diallo, Texas After Violence Project

Barbara Hannon, independent attorney

Michael Holland, independent attorney (renewed in 2008-9)

James Kraft, religious philosophy scholar, Huston-Tillotson University (renewed in 2008-9)

Katherine Oldmixon, president of Austin Poetry Society

2006-7

Debbie Hulseley Cooper, Open Door Preschool – East

Alyssa Harad, freelance writer and cultural studies scholar

Marisa Huerta, race and literature scholar

Kate Holliday, architectural historian and professor

James Kraft, religious philosophy scholar, Huston-Tillotson University

Katherine Oldmixon, cultural studies and literature scholar, Huston-Tillotson University

Chris Strickling, director of Actual Lives Performance Project

Caroline Wigginton, gender and literature scholar

For a complete list and full project descriptions and bios, visit www.humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu

Research Associate Program Application
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Year: 09-10 Starting semester: Fall Spring New Application Renewing Application

(Research Associates seeking to renew their appointment need to demonstrate active and continued need of UT's library resources.)

Name _____

Occupation/Employer _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

A. To submit an application, please provide typed, single-spaced answers to the following questions according to the specified length for each answer. Sign this cover sheet and attach your answers. Please include a résumé, two pages or less. Mail applications to: Research Associate Program Application, The Humanities Institute, The University of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 7219, Austin, Texas 78713-7219.

1. Please describe the project you will pursue as a Research Associate. How will you go about it? What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your one-year Research Associate term? Please indicate a project title. If a renewal application, please indicate if you will be working on the same project and, if so, how the proposed work builds on/differs from the original proposal. (1-3 paragraphs)
2. Members of the general public may sign up for a "Courtesy Borrower" library card from UT Austin libraries, but the public card does not allow access to many electronic databases or all UT libraries (see <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/borrower/non-ut.html> for more information). How would expanded access to the University's resources through the *Research Associate Program* benefit you and your proposed project? Please be specific. (1-2 paragraphs)
3. How do you see your project fitting in with the Humanities Institute's mission? [Visit the Humanities Institute's website at <http://humanitiesinstitute.utexas.edu> if you feel that more information about our mission and programs would help you respond to this question.] (1-2 paragraphs)

Applicant's Signature

Date