Taft-Nicholson Summer Fellow Residency

The Taft Nicholson Summer Fellow Residencies are available to tenure-line faculty in all disciplines for 1-3 weeks of dedicated writing time for scholarly pursuits of research or creative projects. Fellowships are available July 1 thru July 31. Faculty who have held a regular U of U faculty appointment for 1 year or more are eligible to apply. These fellowships are designed to provide intensive, dedicated, writing time for faculty to work on their research/creative agendas.

The Taft-Nicholson Environmental Humanities Education Center (TNEHEC) and the Vice President for Research will award the faculty member $1,000-$2,000 (depending on length of stay) which is intended to help defer the cost of travel to and from the TNEHEC and to cover per diem to purchase food and supplies. Fellows will be housed in “Thoreauian-like” cabins in University Village. The Village consists of 11 cabins, a bathhouse and a kitchen/dining cabin. Fellows may purchase meals for $45/day when courses are in session at the TNEHEC.

Criteria for evaluation of proposals
1. Soundness and significance of the proposal
2. Proposals potential benefit to the individual, the University and the community
3. The chair’s evaluation of proposal

The application consists of the following:
1. Part A completed by applicant
2. Part B completed by department chair.
3. Precise statement of what you intend to accomplish during the fellowship. The statement should be no more than 2 pages, single spaced.
4. A 150 word abstract
5. Statement of why the TNEHEC is an appropriate location for the fellow’s residency

Timeline/Deadlines: Applications are due November 1st, 2019.

Final Reports: The recipient of the Taft-Nicholson Summer Fellow Residency must submit a 1 page, single-spaced, Final Report within one year after receiving the award. The following information should be included in the final report:
- What activities did you do with this fellowship?
- What did you accomplish, discover, or create?
- What kind of impact did the TNEHEC have on your research or creative project?
The committee will not consider a new application from an investigator until a final report from the previously awarded Taft-Nicholson Summer Fellow Residency is submitted.

Please submit your final report to Jake Jensen, Chair, TNEHEC Summer Faculty Fellow Review Committee.
Conditions of Residency

Faculty Fellowships:
Summer Fellowships are designed for 1-3 weeks of dedicated writing time for scholarly pursuits of research or creative projects. As such, family, visitors, and pets are not permitted. If you have research collaborators who wish to attend, they must apply separately.

Travel Safely
Fill up your gas tank before entering the Centennial Valley. From the West (I-15) you can purchase gas in Idaho Falls, or farther north in DuBois. From the East, the best locations to stop are either West Yellowstone or Island Park. Regardless of which way you travel, the end of your commute will be roughly 25 miles on South Valley Road. South Valley is a dirt road with some gravel surfaces. It’s well maintained but lacks cell service. We stress: checking the condition of your tires before making the trip and driving slow. We recommend driving even slower than the posted speed limit signs to avoid getting flats and also to respect wildlife. (Bluebird fledglings are often in the road and slow to take flight.) Also, when you fill up your tank, call the office and let us know where you are. That way, we can watch for you. For detailed driving directions, please visit the website. The phone number for the office is: 406-276-3320.

Plan for Altitude and Sun
At an elevation of more than 6,600 feet and with plenty of sun, it is easy to get dehydrated. Bring a water bottle. Refill it often. Bring sunscreen and apply it liberally. Hats and layers are a must!

Lodging
In our efforts to make the Center more sustainable, we ask everyone to bring their own toiletries. Additionally, Fellows staying in the Village are required to bring a sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and a towel. Accommodations are described here: https://taft-nicholson.utah.edu/facilities-accommodations/universityvillage.php.

Food and Beverages
Traveling quickly to a grocery store isn’t practical, so plan carefully for your stay. We offer catering services when classes are in session, but encourage you to bring snacks and beverages. A calendar of class sessions will be available in June. The Village Dining Hall has a large refrigerator and a functional kitchen. Coolers are handy to have.
Phones, Media, and Extras
Cell phone service is not available at the Center. There is a landline phone and wireless internet in the office. Many guests use Wi-Fi calling and Skype. Journals and sketchbooks, cameras, binoculars, and spotting scopes can all help you make the most of your experience. If you like to go fishing, bring your gear and your Montana permit.

Excursions: Bugs and Bears
The Centennial Valley is a wilderness area with wildlife to both admire and respect. It encompasses expansive wetlands that are a haven for waterfowl, and at certain times of the year mosquitoes. Bring insect repellent. On your first night in the valley, we will discuss bear safety and other Center protocols. For example, it is best to go trekking in groups. If you go off on a solo hike or even a solo car expedition, you must let Center staff know not only where you’re headed, but when you plan to return. We have several cans of bear spray and GPS devices equipped with emergency locators for your use, but we recommend you bring whatever makes you feel more prepared while out and about.

In Case of an Emergency
In the unlikely event of an emergency, the Center has an Emergency Response Plan. We coordinate with our immediate neighbors, the Red Rock Lake Wildlife Refuge staff, and the Beaverhead County Emergency Response Team. We are certified in Wilderness First Aid. Again, upon your arrival we will provide an orientation session that further outlines safety guidelines and Refuge regulations. Please bring your medications, and please be sure to tell the Center staff, in advance, about any allergies or conditions. The following phone numbers can also be used to contact you at the Center in case of a serious emergency: 406-276-3202 or 406-276-3207

Sustainability
We recycle at the Center. However, the commute to the recycling center, and the dump, takes several hours. Glass recycling is even farther away. We ask that you “pack out” as much of your recycling as possible. Additionally, we make every effort to not supply dispensable single-use bottles so as to limit the amount of trash we generate, and thus limit our trips to the dump. Thank you for your help.

Questions:
Contact mark.bergstrom@utah.edu
Application Part A

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Instructions:

1. Part A is to be completed by the applicant and is due in the applicant's departmental office by November 1st for an award during the next academic year.
2. Precise statement of what you intend to accomplish during the fellowship. The statement should be no more than 2 pages, single spaced.
3. A 150 word abstract
4. Statement of why the TNEHEC is an appropriate location for the fellow’s residency
5. Part B is to be completed by the department chair. Department chairs must forward the applications Jake Jensen

7. If successful in your bid for a Taft Nicholson Summer Fellow Residencies, you will be required to:
   a. Submit a report to Jake Jensen within one year of the end of the award period.
   b. Submit two copies of the creative work resulting from the award.
   c. Comply with University of Utah policy regarding all potentially patentable research. (See Policy and Procedures Manual 6-4).
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Name of Applicant_____________________________________    Phone_________________________

FacultyRank___________________________________________Department_________________________

Campus Address__________________________________College______________________________

Department Chair ___________________________________________________________________________

Requested Dates of Residence______________________________________________________

Attach a two page precise statement of what you intend to accomplish during the fellowship and a 150 word abstract.

☐  I have read and understand the Conditions of Residency

Signature____________________________________________________ Date_____________________
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Application Part B

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Instructions:
1. Part B is to be completed by the department chair. Department chairs must forward the applications to Jake Jensen by November 9th. Prioritize all applications from your department/college. The Dean’s rankings should include an explanation to help the committee make their decision.
2. Attach an evaluation of the applicant’s proposal.
3. Part A is to be completed by the applicant.
4. Notification of award will be made by December 7th.

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Department ___________________________ Phone_______________________

Campus
Address___________________________________________________________________________________

Department Chair__________________________________________________________________________

In support of a Taft-Nicholson Summer Fellow Residency application submitted by one of our faculty members, ___________________________(name of faculty), this department supports the proposed plans of the applicant and agrees to provide any special requirements of the applicant when appropriate.

Signature of Department Chair ___________________________ Date_____________