University of California, Los Angeles
Institute of American Cultures

2014-2015 Visiting Scholar/Researcher
Program in Ethnic Studies

- American Indian Studies Center
- Asian American Studies Center
- Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies
- Chicano Studies Research Center
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
The Institute of American Cultures (IAC) is responsible for strengthening and coordinating interdisciplinary research and instruction in ethnic studies with special attention to the four UCLA Ethnic Studies Research Centers: the American Indian Studies Center, Asian American Studies Center, Bunche Center for African American Studies, and the Chicano Studies Research Center. 

The IAC, which houses the four Centers, offers awards to postdoctoral/visiting scholars to support research on African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, and Chicanas/os. We especially encourage applications that advance our understanding of new social and cultural realities occasioned by the dramatic population shifts of recent decades, including greater heterogeneity within ethnic groups and increased interethnic contact. Awards are given to those individuals who, in the judgment of the IAC Executive Committee, show great promise in academic research and scholarship in ethnic studies. The program is open to candidates from all disciplines.

ELIGIBILITY
U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. from an accredited college/university or, in the case of a visiting scholar in the arts, a terminal degree in the appropriate field at the time of appointment. UCLA faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students are not eligible to apply.

STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES
IAC Visiting Scholars and Researchers will receive funding for one or more quarters, with a maximum stipend of $32,000-$35,000 for three quarters (contingent upon rank, experience, and date of completion of their terminal degree) and will receive health benefits. In the event that an award is for less than three quarters, the stipend will be prorated in accordance with the actual length of the award. For Visiting Scholars, these funds can be used to supplement sabbatical support for a total that does not exceed the candidate’s current institutional salary.

Visiting scholars will be paid through their home institutions and will be expected to continue their health benefits through that source as well. Visiting Researchers will be paid directly by UCLA. Both visiting scholars and researchers may receive up to $4,000 in research support (through reimbursements of research expenses); $1,000 of which may be applied toward relocation expenses.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT
Appointments are for a 9-month period beginning on October 1. IAC Fellows/Scholars are to be in residence during their tenure and to make a contribution to the research activities of the sponsoring Ethnic Studies Research Center. Each fellow/scholar is expected to devote full time to study and research and accept no other form of employment. In some cases, fellows/scholars will also teach a 10-week seminar based on their research. Under certain conditions, an IAC Fellow/Visiting Scholar may hold another fellowship award concurrently. They must inform the IAC office of other awards to determine those conditions and for approval.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Applications and supplementary materials will be accepted via email as a PDF attachment or via mail to the IAC Coordinator at the Ethnic Studies Research Center most appropriate to the area of research. Applicants with questions are encouraged to contact the IAC Coordinator of the appropriate Ethnic Studies Research Center prior to submitting the application. Only complete applications will be considered.

DEADLINE
All application materials must be received by the appropriate Ethnic Studies Research Center no later than February 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm. This includes reference letters and, when applicable, the official transcript. Incomplete and late applications files will not be reviewed.

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rholson@aisc.ucla.edu

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NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS
Notification of award decisions will be made in April.
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Application Form

Select the Center with which you would like to be affiliated. The IAC Executive Committee will take your choice under consideration when making the final affiliation.

☐ American Indian Studies Center
☐ Asian American Studies Center
☐ Bunche Center for African American Studies
☐ Chicano Studies Research Center

Name: ____________________________________________________________ Female ☐ Male ☐
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________
Street City, State (Country) Zip Code

Home Address: _____________________________________________________
Street City, State (Country) Zip Code

Telephone Numbers: ( ) __________________________ ( ) _________________
Home Office

E-Mail Address: ____________________________________________________

U.S. Citizen? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, Permanent Resident? Yes ☐ No ☐
Citizen of: ________________________________

Date Ph.D. Completed: __________________________ Discipline: __________________________

Institution Granting Ph.D.: __________________________________________

Indicate the type of fellowship for which you are applying:

† Academic Year. The award ranges from $32,000 to $35,000 and is determined by the applicant’s rank, experience, and date of completion of the Ph.D. In the event that an award is for less than the 9-month appointment the stipend will be prorated.

† Sabbatical Supplement. Amount requested: $ __________________________
The amount requested, when added to the applicant’s sabbatical salary, must not exceed the applicant’s regular salary. Maximum amount awarded: $35,000.

IAC Visiting Scholars/Researchers are eligible for up to $4,000 in research support, $1,000 of which can be used for relocation expenses.

Applicants who are awarded fellowships must have a tenured member of the UCLA Faculty as their faculty sponsor. Indicate whether you have secured the agreement of a tenured member of the UCLA Faculty to serve as your faculty sponsor. (It is not necessary that you have a faculty sponsor at the time of application.)

† Yes. If yes, please complete the following regarding your faculty sponsor.

Name/Title: __________________________________________________________

UCLA Unit/Department: ____________________________________________

† No.
Applicant’s Name:______________________________________________

I. Educational Summary (undergraduate and graduate experience)

Name of Institution | Degree and Area of Discipline/Specialization | Dates Attended
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II. Supplementary Information

A. Qualify your level of proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing for each language other than English:
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B. List the professional organization(s) of which you are a member:
   ____________________________________________________________

C. List academic honors and awards that you have received:
   ____________________________________________________________

III. Positions Held

List fellowships, scholarships, faculty, and other academic and/or professional positions that you have held. Begin with your current position and work backward.

Date of Employment | Position (Full Title) | Name of College/University | Salary
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IV. References

List the names of three persons from whom you have requested appraisal letters regarding your academic work, particularly in relation to your fellowship proposal. PROVIDE EACH REFERENCE WITH A COPY OF YOUR PROPOSAL AND WITH ONE OF THE ENCLOSED “APPRaisal FORMS” AND AN ENVELOPE WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS OF THE APPROPRIATE ETHNIC STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER. Appraisal Forms must be submitted directly to the appropriate Ethnic Studies Research Center and received no later than February 5, 2014. Incomplete applications files will not be reviewed.

Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, individuals are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully. We believe, however, that in many instances letters written in confidence are of greater utility in the long run as a means of assessing a person’s qualifications, abilities, and promise. You have the option of agreeing or not agreeing to waive your right to inspect these letters.

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V. Transcripts

If you are an awardee and have received your doctoral degree within the last three years, upon notification of the postdoctoral award you must submit an official transcript from the institution that granted the degree. Transcripts should be sent directly to the IAC Coordinator, Institute of American Cultures, 2329 Murphy Hall/Box 957244, Los Angeles, CA 90095-7244. Only one copy is required.

VI. Supplementary Statements

Complete and submit this application along with the following supplementary statements. All applicants must submit responses to items A through E below. All responses must be typed on separate sheets and attached to the application form.

A. Describe your research career goals and the relevance of the proposed research project to these goals.
   Limit: 2 pages, single spaced (12 pt font, 1 inch margins).

B. Briefly summarize your major research experiences to date.
   Limit: 2 pages, single spaced (12 pt font, 1 inch margins).

C. Provide a statement of your proposed research plan during the fellowship period. Include the following: (1) title of proposed research project; (2) a brief historical background of your proposed research, include major findings by others (list pertinent literature references); (3) a detailed description of your plans for analyzing the problem, for example, theoretical or critical assumptions, hypotheses or research questions, methodology, characteristics of subjects or areas studied, research controls or emphases, and the rationale for your approach; and (4) the kind of publication or creative contribution you expect to result from this work. If your proposed research includes writing up results of prior research, you must also provide an outline of proposed manuscript(s) and/or titles and brief summaries of articles to be written. Your plan should be realistic enough to allow completion of the project within the time frame requested.
   Limit: 5 pages, single spaced (12 pt font, 1 inch margins).

D. IAC Fellows/Visiting Scholars will contribute to the research activities of the sponsoring Ethnic Studies Research Center: Briefly describe the topic(s) of a presentation or a series of talks you would give as part of that contribution. Note: Fellows/Scholars sponsored by the American Indian Studies Center, the Asian American Studies Center, or the Chicano Studies Research Center are also expected to teach one ten-week undergraduate- or graduate-level course during the fellowship period. Briefly describe a course you would be interested in teaching based on your research.
   Limit: 3 pages, single spaced (12 pt font, 1 inch margins).

E. Provide a curriculum vitae that includes a list of publications. Include author(s), title, publisher, name of journal (if an article), date, place of publication, and page numbers.
   Applicants are encouraged to submit samples or reprints of previous works.
   Note: These materials will not be returned.
VII. Fellowships/Scholarships

If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship or scholarship for the same period, state the facts regarding such applications, including expected date of notification.

During their appointment period, Visiting Scholars/Researchers are expected to occupy themselves with award-related activities full time and to accept no other forms of employment. Under certain conditions, IAC Scholars/Researchers may hold another fellowship award concurrently. A request for approval must be submitted to the IAC office at which point these conditions will be determined.

The University of California in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices; nor does the University discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, University programs and activities, including but not limited to academic admissions, financial aid, educational services, and student employment.

Inquiries regarding the University’s equal opportunity policies may be directed to Campus Counsel Patricia M. Jasper, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-4042. Speech and hearing impaired persons may call TTY (310) 206-6083. Inquiries regarding ADA and 504 Compliance may be directed to Karen Henderson-Winge, Assistant Coordinator, Box 951405, Los Angeles, California 90095-1405, (310) 825-7906 Voice or (310) 206-3349 TTY.

I hereby certify that the information in this application package is complete and accurate. I understand that misrepresentation of any portion of this application may be cause for cancelling the financial award or appointment.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

How did you learn of the Institute of American Cultures program?

The application package must include the completed application form and supporting documents listed in Part VI. Applicants must make sure that the reference letters requested have been forwarded. The responsibility for ensuring that the application is complete rests entirely with the applicant. All materials must be received by February 5, 2014 and emailed as a PDF attachment or mailed to the appropriate Ethnic Studies Center. Incomplete application files will not be reviewed.

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Appraisal Form

Name of Candidate (please print) ____________________________________________

I agree ☐ do not agree ☐ to waive rights to have access to letters of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and any other laws, regulations, or policies.

Signature of Candidate __________________________________________ Date __________

TO THE APPRAISER: The candidate whose name appears above is an applicant for an IAC fellowship in ethnic studies. Please provide a candid and critical appraisal of the candidate’s research and (if applicable) teaching abilities. For the applicant’s file to be complete, your appraisal must be received by February 5, 2014. Incomplete files will not be reviewed.

Name __________________________________________ Position or Title ________________

Address ________________________________________________ Street City, State (Country) ZIP Code

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________

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