

## Call for applications: 2026–2027 Public Humanities Programming Fellowship, 12-months

Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah

The Tanner Humanities Center invites applications for a **Public Humanities Programming Fellowship** for graduate students in the College of Humanities. Applicants should have an interest in public humanities, cultural and academic event programming, and the administration of scholarly organizations. In addition to participating in the Center’s intellectual life and events, the Fellow will also participate in the Center’s day-to-day programming and operations, including event planning, coordination, and public-facing support for lectures, workshops, and symposia. The Fellow will also manage the Center’s social media presence, producing posts and other content that engage broad publics with the Center’s programming and events.

Working closely with Center staff, the Fellow will gain experience in the practical organization of humanities programming, from advance preparation through event execution and follow-up. Near the end of the fellowship term, the Fellow will also participate in the planning and coordination of the Center’s Gateway to Learning educator workshops.

### Important dates

Applications are due **June 1, 2026**.

Applicants will be contacted by **June 15**, and proceeding applicants will be interviewed by the Center Director later in June and notified of the Center’s final decision by **July 1**.

This fellowship requires consistent on-site presence during the period **August 16, 2026–August 15, 2027**.

### Application materials

To be emailed as a single PDF to **tanner-fellowships@utah.edu**:

- Cover letter with contact information**, describing how public humanities programming fits into your academic and career goals, and describing past relevant experience
- CV**, no more than five pages. Your CV should clearly indicate all past support from the University of Utah.
- Writing sample**, no more than 5 pages, showing clear, non-specialist discussion of any kind of humanities scholarship, which could include your own

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- Approval form from your Director of Graduate Studies, at [tanner.utah.edu/fellowships](http://tanner.utah.edu/fellowships)
- One recommendation letter from a faculty member who can attest to your ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, work collaboratively in professional settings, and manage responsibilities reliably in support of public-facing humanities programming.

- Optional: One recommendation letter from an employer or supervisor outside of your academic department

### **Eligibility**

Fellows must be University of Utah College of Humanities doctoral students in good standing with their program throughout the fellowship period.

Applicants must have successfully passed their PhD or terminal degree qualifying exams, and completed all coursework, by the fellowship application deadline.

### **Selection criteria**

Fellows are chosen by the Tanner Humanities Center Director and staff. The Center seeks applicants whose academic work demonstrates strong potential for clear, accessible communication with broad publics, and whose interests align with public humanities programming. Particular weight will be given to evidence of reliability, organizational ability, and capacity to manage multiple practical responsibilities in a collegial environment.

Relevant experience may include, but is not limited to, event planning, public-facing humanities work, teaching, community-engaged research, editorial or communications work, or administrative support in academic or cultural organizations. The Center also values applicants who show initiative, sound judgment in professional settings, and the ability to represent the Center effectively in interactions with faculty, speakers, and the public.

The Center values excellence and diversity of disciplines, methods, and perspectives, and selections are made without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship, or national or ethnic origin. The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to people with disabilities.

### **Fellowship benefits**

- **\$25,000** stipend, paid in September, January, and May.
- Dedicated workspace in the Center

### **Fellowship requirements**

- **15-20 hours each week** of public-facing presence in the Center's office, and prior to and during all Center evening events. This time will include assisting with event planning and execution, and with day-to-day Center operations.
- Production of public-facing writing and media about Center events
- Participation in the Center's activities and intellectual life
- Submission of a written report by **September 1** immediately following the fellowship, summarizing their fellowship experience