Overview:

The Andrew W. Mellon New Directions Fellowships assists exceptional faculty members in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who seek to acquire systematic training outside their own areas of special interest. The program is intended to enable scholars in the humanities to work on problems that interest them most, at an appropriately advanced level of sophistication. In addition to facilitating the work of individual faculty members, these awards should benefit scholarship in the humanities more generally by encouraging the highest standards in cross-disciplinary research.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be faculty members who were awarded a doctorate in the humanities or humanistic social sciences within the last six to twelve years (2006-2012)
- Candidates' research interests must call for formal training in a discipline other than the one in which they are expert (Such training may consist of coursework or other programs of organized study)
- No funding for staging conferences, symposia, seminars, or events related to the project is allowed
- To view the award's selection criteria please visit Terms of the Awards section on
Award Background:

- Approximately **12 fellowships** awarded per year
- **Fellows will receive:**
  - the equivalent of one academic year's salary
  - two summers of additional support, each at the equivalent two-ninths of the previous academic year salary
  - tuition or course fees or equivalent direct costs associated with the fellows' training programs
- **Final budgets commonly range from $175,000 to $250,000** (maximum is $300,000)
- The term of the grant should cover a **minimum of two years**
- Funds may be expended over a period not to exceed three full academic years following the date of the award
- **Directory of Past Awardees** - We strongly recommend reviewing past awards to determine competitiveness

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**Deadlines**

**Internal: August 17, 2018**

**Sponsor: October 5, 2018**

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**Internal Application Process**

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has been invited to nominate **ONE** candidate for this fellowship.

The internal process for selecting UMass Amherst's nominee will be informed by the grant program's guidelines and submission requirements and led by a committee composed of the deans of applicants' respective schools and colleges or their designees and, if necessary, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research Engagement, and/or faculty with relevant expertise.

If interested, please send the following as a **single PDF** to cfr@admin.umass.edu no later than **August 17, 2018**:

- A **proposal** of no more than **2,000 words** (13,000 characters, with spaces) that includes:
  - the overall significance of the research
  - the case for the importance of extra-disciplinary training for furthering the research
  - the likely ability of the candidate to derive satisfactory results from the training program proposed
  - a well-developed plan for acquiring the necessary training within a reasonable period of time
- A concise **curriculum vitae**, no more than five pages in length
For additional information, visit the program's website. If you have technical questions on the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship or your eligibility, please contact Liz Smith or Michael Stein in Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Please click on the following links for more information on funding opportunities:
- Limited Submission Funding Opportunities
- On-Campus Funding Opportunities
- Funding for New or Early Career Faculty

You can find additional information on the CFR Website:
- Private Foundation Limited Submission Opportunities
- Grant Writing Tips and Suggestions