Mellon-Morgridge Graduate Fellowship — Animal Studies
Call for Applicants
Application Deadline: March 31, 2020

Constellations invites applications for the Mellon-Morgridge Graduate Fellowship to help support the Animal Studies Constellation for the 2020-21 academic year. This is a nine-month, 50% PA appointment (approximately 20 hours/week), beginning September 1, 2020. It includes salary, benefits, and tuition remission.

Project Overview

Constellations is a humanities initiative that demonstrates the relevance and value of the humanities to all majors across campus, especially STEM students (constellations.ls.wisc.edu). The program is housed in the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s College of Letters & Science (L&S) and is funded through the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and UW-Madison alumni John and Tashia Morgridge. We support four rotating Mellon-Morgridge Professors, who teach large-enrollment humanities classes that incorporate high-impact practices. We also support four graduate student fellows and a program coordinator who work together to develop innovative co-curricular experiences for our classes.

Position Description

The Mellon-Morgridge Graduate Fellow (MMF) will work to support the Animal Studies Constellation, an undergraduate course and associated co-curriculum led by Dr. Mario Ortiz-Robles (Department of English) that explores the cultural, philosophical, and historical significance of animals. The appointed fellow will work closely with Dr. Mario Ortiz-Robles and the Constellations Program Coordinator, Dr. Meridith Beck Mink, to support the Constellation with an emphasis on connecting research and presentation skills to instruction.

The graduate student selected for this position will be deeply engaged in humanities research and have a demonstrated interest in contemporary theory, especially Animal Studies, Environmental Humanities, and Posthumanism. Candidates should possess a genuine interest in building humanities connections with other disciplines, including professional fields.
The MMF will:

- Assist with curriculum development for the Animal Studies Constellation
- Work with Dr. Meridith Beck Mink to create a co-curriculum and build community among undergraduates
- Work collaboratively with Dr. Mario Ortiz-Robles on research and other projects
- Gain experience integrating research, teaching, and public outreach

Eligibility and Application Procedure

This position is open to UW-Madison graduate students in the humanities and related fields. Applicants will be reviewed based on their relevant experience and skills; academic accomplishments in the humanities; and their interest in creating connections between the humanities and other fields.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, CV, and the names and contact information for two references, in a single PDF document, by email to Dr. Meridith Beck Mink, the Constellations Program Coordinator, at mmink@wisc.edu

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