

# NYBG

## HUMANITIES INSTITUTE

### CALL FOR FELLOWS 2022-23 - FOOD HUMANITIES AT NYBG

The Humanities Institute at the New York Botanical Garden is pleased to offer a full-time residential **Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship** in the novel field of Food Humanities during the academic year 2022-23 for Pre- and Post Doctoral students. Candidates are invited to submit a proposal for independent research in topics related to the Food Humanities with special focus on the multi-cultural local communities in and around the Bronx, New York, including but not limited to, histories of food and urban agriculture, food justice and food security in the Bronx, Indigenous food traditions, and history of community gardens and urban farms.

Recipients will have access to the collections of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, and living collections of the New York Botanical Garden's 250-acre landscape in the Bronx, in addition to important libraries and research centers in New York.

The Humanities Institute is committed to an inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible academic environment and further recognizes that diversity in our fellowship student body fosters excellence in programmatic and research initiatives.

The Fellowship participants supports, through actions and conduct, the Humanities Institute Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives and helps to build and maintain an inclusive organization culture throughout the program.

**Eligibility:** Current Ph.D. candidates and recent post-doctoral researchers (no more than 5 years since graduation date), who are U.S. citizens or international scholars currently authorized to work in the U.S. Students from diverse backgrounds and underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Tenure of Fellowship:** Nine months (September 15, 2022 to June 15, 2023). Deferral of this Research Fellowship is not permitted. Fellowships at NYBG's Humanities Institute are awards that place great emphasis on the exchange of ideas among fellows and the spirit of community within the larger institution. Fellows are expected to devote themselves fully to their research, and not take any other responsibilities during their tenure, give a presentation about their work, and fully participate in the Humanities Institute's seminar programs.

**Fellowship award:** \$50,000 (fifty thousand US dollars)

## How to apply:

The application, to be written in English, must be submitted electronically by **February 1, 2022**, to:

[Humanities Institute Secured FileShare](#)

## Applications should include:

- Project proposal, consisting of a 2-3 page (max. 1000 words) statement that provides an overview of the project you plan to research with a tentative schedule of work to be accomplished an explanation of its significance in the field and manner in which it will contribute to new scholarship in the Food Humanities.
- Personal Statement of Contributions to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility while at NYBG.
- Complete curriculum vitae of education, professional experience, awards, and publications.
- Copy of your Graduate transcripts (electronic copies will be accepted), uploaded to the portal.
- Three Letters of recommendation (PDF format), submitted directly from the recommender to the portal.

The Deadline for all application material, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, is **February 1, 2022, 6 pm (EST)**. Late applications will not be accepted. Awards will be announced in mid-March.

Housing: Fellows are responsible for their own housing arrangements; suggestions are provided.

Health Insurance: A comprehensive Health Benefit package is offered in addition to the fellowship stipend.

Any questions related to the Mellon Fellowship should be directed to [hifellows@nybg.org](mailto:hifellows@nybg.org)

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