

**THE RICE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENGAGED RESEARCH  
AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING (CERCL) In partnership with  
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT THE GREGORY SCHOOL**

**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM COVER SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Date (Completed/anticipated) Major

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution Position

Title of proposed research project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A complete application must include:

- The Scholar-in-Residence Program Cover Sheet
- A 1000 word description of the proposed research. This document must be double-spaced and use 12-point type. It should: (1) explain the nature and significance of the project, including its impact on the scholarly community; (2) a brief discussion of the applicants preparation for this project; (3) describe how Houston Public Library collections will be used in completing the work undertaken during the term of the residency; (4) plan for carrying out the research; (5) significance of the project for the applicant's field of study; (6) outline of schedule (hours/days/months) that facilities will be used (ie. 6 hours per day/2 days per week for 6 months).
- Two confidential letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's project.
- Curriculum vitae/resume (no more than 10 pages)

Completed applications must be sent to:

or emailed to:

**Scholar-in-Residence Program  
CERCL – MS 428  
Rice University  
PO BOX 1892  
Houston, TX 77251-1892**

**cercl@rice.edu**

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## **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

Rice University's Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning (CERCL) in partnership with the African American Library at the Gregory School offers a residential fellowship for scholars whose research would benefit from the Houston Public Library special collections (particularly the Gregory School archives).

### **Eligibility**

The Scholar-in-Residence program is open to those holding the PhD, graduate students who have achieved candidacy and independent scholars.

Foreign nationals who have resided in the United States for two years immediately preceding the application deadline are eligible to apply.

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## **Evaluation**

A selection committee, in light of the strength of the application materials, will evaluate each application for the Scholar-in-Residence program. Reviews are not made available to applicants.

## **Qualifications**

Qualifications considered include: (1) the relevance of the project to the mission and goals of the Scholar-in-Residence Program; (2) the feasibility of the project; and, (3) the level of importance of the Houston Public Library collections for the project; and (4) the strength of the proposal in light of letters of reference; (5) special consideration will be given to research that provides a clear connection to a current urban issue of public significance.

## **Terms of the Resident Fellowships**

Residency period is 6 months (Feb-July).

Fellow(s) will be provided with personal office space, access to the Gregory School archives, other Houston Public Library special collections.

Fellow(s) are provided with a computer and Internet access.

Fellow(s) will be responsible for completing weekly timesheets and adhering to the proposed/accepted schedule.

Fellow(s) are provided with a stipend of \$3,500\* in exchange for:

- Two distinct public lectures, one held on the Rice University campus and another at the Gregory School in September following the residency period. These lectures will be videotaped and made available online.
- Two blog postings submitted to <http://urbanedge.blogs.rice.edu>
- A presentation of research to post online at cercl.rice.edu

All scholarship (publications, papers and on line documents) developed in relationship to this fellowship must acknowledge CERCL and the residence program. Copies must be given to CERCL.

This fellowship does not include housing, and fellows do not receive salary or any compensation beyond the \$3,500 to be paid after all requirements above have been met.

\*(W-9 must be submitted in order for check to be processed)

## **Deadline**

Materials must be postmarked by: **January 17, 2020.**

## **Notification**

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by January 27, 2020.