Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars
Call for Applications

Vanderbilt University’s Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities and the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy invite applications for the Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars, the first of an annual three-year program. Led by eminent scholars and practitioners of public and digital humanities, this Institute will provide twelve Vanderbilt graduate students and recent PhDs in the humanities or humanistic social sciences with grounding in the theory and practice of public and digital humanities. Supplemented by short lectures and practical exercises, learning will be largely project-based, offering participants the opportunity to use digital humanities methodologies in a hands-on public humanities endeavor. In addition to enacting public engagement with the tools of digital humanities, participants will develop syllabi or project plans for use in their teaching and research. This Institute is open to current Vanderbilt University graduate students and recent PhDs in the humanities or humanistic social sciences (degree awarded 2011 or later) and is required of all recipients of the Mellon Partners for Humanities Education Postdoctoral Fellowships. Graduate students interested in applying for this Fellowship should plan to apply for the Summer Institute, either this year or in one of the two following years of this three-year program.

By equipping graduate students and early-career scholars with the techniques of civic engagement and digital humanities, this Institute will improve graduate preparation for research and teaching that emphasize the public and civic value of humanities education. In addition, this Institute will enable participants to craft a distinctive profile that will poise them for the competitive job market.

The Institute will take place from Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 16, at Vanderbilt University’s Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy. Recent Vanderbilt PhDs chosen for participation who are currently affiliated with other institutions outside of Nashville will be reimbursed for the costs of travel and lodging for the five-day Institute. All participants in the Institute will receive a $500 stipend.

Eligibility
Applicants must have completed their second year in a Vanderbilt University graduate program in the humanities or humanistic social sciences or have received their doctorate in a humanities discipline from Vanderbilt University no earlier than 2011. We welcome applications from scholars without previous experience in the digital and/or public humanities, as well as from those with more extensive familiarity.

Application Process
Deadline: Noon, Monday, March 3, 2014
Submit the following materials by email to Allison Thompson at allison.j.thompson@vanderbilt.edu by noon Monday, March 3, 2014

- A letter of interest (no more than 2 pages) indicating how participation in this Institute aligns with the applicant’s scholarship and teaching, and giving an example of one digital and/or public humanities project the applicant would like to create, this year or in the near future.
- A curriculum vitae
- A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the applicant’s work.

For more information please contact Allison Thompson at 343-6060 or allison.j.thompson@vanderbilt.edu.