American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)  
– Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowships (for untenured faculty) –

“Support for the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences.”

Application Deadline: September

Awards Announced: Following February

Award Description: $64,000 plus $2,500 for research and travel and the possibility of an additional summer’s support (or $14,222)

Award Tenure: One academic year (9 months), plus an additional summer (2 months) if a persuasive case is made to justify it – Fellows have flexibility in structuring their research time; however, funds must be used within 3 years of award

Applicant Eligibility: Open to tenure-track assistant and untenured associate professors who:
   • Hold a PhD degree or equivalent
   • Are employed at an academic institution in the US (and will remain so for the duration of the fellowship)
   • Will have successfully completed their last reappointment review prior to tenure review before application submission and whose tenure review will not be completed before award notification

Eligible Projects: The Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship Program invites applications in all disciplines of the humanities and humanities-related social sciences.
   • These fellowships support junior faculty whose scholarly contributions have advanced their fields and who have well designed and carefully developed plans for new research.
   • Proposals in the social sciences are eligible if they employ predominantly humanistic approaches (e.g., economic history, law and literature, political philosophy).
   • Proposals in interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary studies are welcome, as are proposals focused on any geographic region or on any cultural or linguistic group.
   • The ultimate goal of the project should be a major piece of scholarly work by the applicant that will take the form of a monograph or other equally substantial form of scholarship.

Projects NOT Eligible: Fellowships may not be used for:
   • Curricular or pedagogical studies directed primarily toward the improvement of education
   • The preparation or revision of textbooks
   • Editing and publication of research already in manuscript form
   • Straightforward translation projects
   • Travel for lecturing, teaching, or participating in meetings and conferences
   • Creative work such as novels or films


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