The Leon Levy Center for Biography at the Graduate Center, CUNY announces

2009-2010 Biography Fellowships

Application deadline: 11 November 2008
Notification: March 2009
Fellowship Residency: 2009-2010
Academic Year
Cash Award: $60,000

Established to develop a fresh approach to biography, the Leon Levy Center for Biography at The Graduate Center, CUNY offers four resident fellowships for the academic year beginning September 2009, one of which is earmarked for a CUNY faculty member. Awards will include writing space, full access to research facilities, and a stipend of $60,000.

During the academic year-in-residence, Biography Fellows participate in a seminar led by the Senior Biographer, attend public programs produced by the Leon Levy Center for Biography and partake in the dynamic intellectual community that is the CUNY Graduate Center. Fellows are expected to give their full attention to the work in progress and are precluded from teaching or other full-time employment. Applications are accepted for works at various stages of the writing process, including manuscripts which are under contract with a publisher. Where submissions are judged to be of equal quality, preference is given to those proposed projects that have not received recent funding.

Generously funded by the Leon Levy Foundation, the Leon Levy Center for Biography aims to identify and support innovation and excellence in biography and seeks to encourage dialogue between university-affiliated and independent biographers working in print, film, visual arts, and other media, through fellowships and a variety of public programs. While established biographers are welcome to apply, we are especially interested in receiving applications from biographers in the early stages of their careers and writers moving to biography from other genres.
GENERAL APPLICATION RULES AND DEADLINES
Completed applications and supporting materials—project description, Curriculum Vitae, narrative account of career, sample of proposed project—**must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.** Applications may be delivered by post or other courier service. No fax, e-mail or hand-delivered application can be accepted. Late applications will not be considered.

Fellowship applications and supporting materials must be typed or legibly printed in English.

Please submit 6 collated sets of the following:
- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Narrative Account of Career
- Project Description (1000 words)
- Sample of Proposed Biography (maximum of ten pages)

Type or clearly print your name on every page you submit.

Please do not include any materials we have not requested. If you wish to be notified that we have received your application, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard with your application materials. **We are not able to confirm receipt of application materials by telephone or e-mail.**

You will be informed of our final decision by e-mail in March.

ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Include your complete addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Indicate your preferred mailing address.

AFFILIATION
If you are not affiliated with a university, museum, archive or library, please skip this section. If you are affiliated with CUNY, please check the box that best describe your association with the City University of New York.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Provide a brief summary of the project, limited to the space provided. Please describe the approach you will take to the life at the center of your biography and relevant sources available to you in the New York metropolitan area. The proposal should state the objectives and significance of your proposed biography and outline what you plan to accomplish during your residency. The project description is limited to 2 double-spaced typed pages.

BIOGRAPHY SAMPLE
Submit a sample of the proposed biography not to exceed 10 double-spaced typed pages.

NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF CAREER
Provide a summary of your intellectual development and influences. Please limit the information contained in the narrative to facts which are not illuminated by your Curriculum Vitae.

PREVIOUS GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS
List major grants and fellowships and the dates of the awards. Please indicate whether a grant or fellowship was given in support of the current project.
REFERENCES
Please list the names and contact information of two people who can speak to your commitment and the quality of your work. In the late stages of our process our selection committee may contact references to gain further insight about an application. Please do not have your references send letters or emails in support of your application. The selection committee will not read letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf.

Send application materials to:

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