

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies

One week in January, during interim
Up to 15 graduate stipend awards

Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy

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Application is due October 21, 2009

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies welcomes applications for a one-week interdisciplinary institute for UI graduate students. Obermann Graduate Fellows explore how civic engagement can enhance teaching, research, and creative work. Participants discuss theories of engagement and meet with experts, including graduate colleagues, faculty members, and potential community partners. They also develop their own engaged projects, reconceiving their art, scholarship, or teaching to address community needs. Applications are due Monday, October 21, 2009.

Graduate Fellows

Graduate students are leading the way in forging innovative connections between the academy and the local, national, and international communities that surround colleges and universities. The Institute Fellows will meet with nationally recognized experts in graduate student engagement; UI faculty who are currently involved in engaged projects in their classroom and research; graduate students who have already initiated engaged projects; representatives from community organizations in the social sciences, arts, and business who have worked with UI faculty; and administrators who will reflect on the role of engagement in colleges and universities. For details about the 2007-2009 Fellows and their projects and a list of the presenters see www.uiowa.edu/obermann/gradinstitute/.

Seminar directors **Teresa Mangum** (English) and **Kenneth G. Brown** (Management & Organizations) are award-winning teachers who have participated in UI Center for Teaching Institutes in both service-learning and forms of public scholarship. These co-directors teach community-based undergraduate courses, conduct engaged research, and serve on community boards.

Eligibility

Graduate students in all fields and at all stages of their studies are eligible. Applicants may already have a project underway that they wish to develop, or they may use the Institute to develop a project that will be launched in the future. In either case, the applicant should carefully describe plans and objectives for an engaged project in the application letter.

Award

Each Institute participant receives a \$500 stipend and is named an Obermann Graduate Fellow.

Schedule

The Institute will meet daily 8:30-5:30, Tuesday January 12 through Friday January 15, 2009 and from 9:00-1:00 the morning of January 18. Students should plan for advance readings, nightly "homework," and some evening commitments. In other words, Fellows are expected to focus fully on the Institute during this week.

To Apply

The application is due Monday October 21, 2009 and requires a letter of interest and vitae from the candidate, a letter of support from a faculty member, and a cover sheet signed by the departmental graduate director. Instructions along with the checklist (which also serves as a cover letter) are available at www.uiowa.edu/obermann/gradinstitute/.

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