AUB Faculty Fellowships in the Arts and Humanities

Eligible professorial faculty are invited to apply for the 2013-14 AUB Faculty Fellowships in the Arts and Humanities. The fellowships are part of a larger initiative funded by a three-year grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to integrate faculty development with curricular innovation in the Arts and Humanities (including the humanistic social sciences). Five fellowships will be offered annually: two fellows will be appointed for each of the Fall and Spring semesters; and one will be appointed for the regular (nine-month) academic year.

The fellowships are intended to encourage junior and mid-career faculty to actively reimagine their disciplines, conduct innovative research, and develop new courses and programs that explore humanistic study from dual Western/Middle Eastern perspectives. Applicants are asked to submit individual research proposals congruent with these objectives, for example, the critical examination of an aspect of modern Arab art or literature, two fields which have attracted minimal scholarly study to date. Proposals that explore new ways of conducting, presenting, and disseminating research, and of bringing it into the classroom, are particularly encouraged. Applicants should also provide a brief statement of their teaching philosophies and goals, as well as course files demonstrating their philosophies in action.

All fellows will be paid their usual salaries and benefits by the University. For the duration of their fellowships, they will be excused from teaching and some non-essential administrative responsibilities, but will continue to serve on standing faculty committees, and will participate in departmental gatherings for strategic planning; periodic program reviews; discipline-specific seminars and workshops; and votes on appointments, reappointments, and promotions. Fellowship applicants will not be barred from seeking external or internal research grants payable in the same academic year as the fellowship. Those wishing to apply for internal funding must submit separate grant applications within the usual deadlines and according to published procedures.

While fellows may spend a few days of their fellowships engaging in relevant research activities abroad, they are expected to be otherwise present on campus in order to participate fully in a regular program of activities, including weekly luncheons, monthly seminars, state-of-the-field workshops, and an annual conference. (Many of these activities will also be open to members of the AUB community.) Written feedback on the effectiveness of the fellowships and associated activities will be solicited from each fellow at the conclusion of his or her term.

Eligibility
The competition is open to assistant and associate professors in AUB’s departments of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages; English; Fine Arts and Art History; History and Archaeology; Philosophy; Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Political Studies and Public Administration; as well as to faculty of the same ranks appointed to the University’s Civilization Sequence Program.

Evaluation Criteria
Proposals will be evaluated by the Arts and Humanities Initiative Committee on the basis of the importance of the project, the clarity and coherence of the project description, the feasibility of completing the project in the time allotted, the relevance of the project to curricular development and renewal, and the qualifications of the applicant. Applicants must solicit letters of recommendation from their department or program chair.

Proposals which focus on curricular development must also demonstrate the particular necessity of the planned course(s) or curricular revisions and its/their relevance to AUB’s broader humanistic curriculum (including General Education). Proposals that may benefit multiple units or programs or
which may help to integrate the arts and humanities into the curricula of AUB’s professional programs will be favored.

Please consult the list of Materials to be Submitted for more detailed information.

**Submissions**
The completed application should be submitted electronically to Professor Maher Jarrar (mjarrar@aub.edu.lb), chair of the Arts and Humanities Initiative Committee.

**Deadline**
Completed proposals should be submitted by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 30, 2013. Decisions will be announced by May 15, 2013.