

Faculty Fellowship

2026-27 Call for Applications

The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies will award up to two Faculty Fellowships for the 2026-27 academic year. These fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. They are designed to facilitate faculty research while engaging recipients more directly in institute programs. This fellowship program has been funded by a generous gift from Kenneth and Frances Aftel Eisenberg.

Expectations: Recipients are expected to actively participate in institute events and may be asked to participate in Friday Workshop programs as commentators and/or chairs.

Award: The Faculty Fellowship includes a release from teaching two Department of History courses, a \$2,500 research grant, and the opportunity to organize and lead a one-day research workshop. The fellowship term is one academic year.

- **Teaching Release:** Each Faculty Fellow will receive teaching releases for two History Department courses during the fellowship year. The courses and timing will be determined in consultation with the History Department's Associate Chair, taking into account the department's curricular needs.
- **Research Grant:** Each Faculty Fellow will receive a \$2,500 research grant disbursed into their research account in July 2026. Funds may be used as soon as they are available. Unused research funds will carry over in individual faculty accounts.
- **Research Workshop Opportunity (optional):** Each Faculty Fellow will have the opportunity to organize and lead a one-day research workshop to help push forward an important scholarly conversation related to their current work. These workshops may involve 1-2 external scholars plus U-M faculty and graduate students. Eisenberg fellows may also choose to workshop an article, chapter, or other project with the institute community during their fellowship term. The institute will provide funding for the workshop, along with staff logistical support. Each Faculty Fellow is expected to discuss their plans with the institute's Director and Manager at the beginning of their fellowship term.

Eligibility: The institute invites applications from faculty members who hold an FTE appointment in the Department of History, including LEO lecturers (level III and IV only). Past Faculty Fellows may apply two years after their last award. Fellows must remain in residence for the fall and winter terms of the fellowship year. Awards to LEO lecturers are subject to college approval based on the college's interpretation of the LEO contract.

Evaluation Criteria: The Steering Committee will consider a number of factors when evaluating applications. These include how affiliation with the institute will help the applicant move their research project forward, extent of involvement with institute activities in recent years, and the likelihood the fellowship will help the applicant complete their project. Preference may be given to faculty who have not recently been on leave and/or have not been awarded the Faculty Fellowship in the past.

Application: The application consists of the following:

- A brief statement outlining current research interests and describing why affiliation with the institute might be particularly useful or interesting; please include a description of recent involvement in institute activity (300-500 words);
- List of recent leaves (last five years), upcoming planned leaves, and recent service obligations;
- A curriculum vitae.

Submit complete applications via email (eisenberginstitute@umich.edu) by February 13, 2026. Institute staff will confirm receipt.

Notification: Fellowship awards will be made by the institute's Steering Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee in March 2026. The institute will contact each applicant regarding the outcome of their application.

To ensure that this award does not compromise the department's undergraduate and graduate curricular needs, awardees must consult the Associate Chair at the earliest opportunity about the specifics of the course release associated with this appointment.