

Dear SLA Faculty-

The ACLS has announced a new fellowship opportunity, "ACLS Public Fellows," which will place eight recent PhDs in staff positions at partnering agencies in government and the non-profit sector for two years. The Public Fellows program aims to demonstrate the value of employing skilled and accomplished young scholars in a variety of capacities, thereby broadening the academy's conventional ideas of the Ph.D. career path. Details on eligibility and the application process are available at <http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows/>. Public Fellows will begin their positions in fall 2011. The deadline for applications is May 16, 3pm EDT. A short program description is attached.

Fellowship Details:

1. Stipend: \$50,000 - \$78,000 dependent on position. Health benefits will also be provided.
2. Tenure: Two years; start dates will vary but range from September 2011 to as late as February 2012 (if security clearance is necessary)
3. The only way to apply for these positions is through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system ([ofa.acls.org](http://ofa.acls.org)).
4. Application deadline: May 16, 2011, 3pm (EDT)
5. Notification of application status will occur early July 2011.

Applicants must:

1. possess U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status
2. have a Ph.D. in the humanities or humanistic social sciences conferred between January 2008 and March 2011
3. not have applied to any other ACLS Fellowship programs in the 2010-2011 competition year, including the New Faculty Fellows program

Please contact the ACLS if you have questions. Please carefully review the program description, the positions, and the sample application before contacting ACLS. Questions about the fellowship program can be directed in writing to [fellowships@acsls.org](mailto:fellowships@acsls.org).

Thank you.

Sincerely, Kevin Gotham, [kgotham@tulane.edu](mailto:kgotham@tulane.edu)

# PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM



ACLS announces the inaugural competition of its Public Fellows program. In 2011 the program will place eight recent Ph.D.s in two-year staff positions at partnering agencies in government and the non-profit sector, beginning as early as September 2011. Fellows will participate in the substantive work of these agencies and receive professional mentoring. Compensation will be at the same level as new professional employees of the agency with similar experience.

This program, made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, aims to demonstrate the value of employing skilled and accomplished young scholars in a variety of capacities, thereby broadening the academy's conventional ideas of the Ph.D. career path. The "crisis" in academic employment has been well discussed and is to many as much a besetting condition as an urgent crisis. Validating extra-academic employment could be a significant element of constructive change. Thus ACLS has partnered with the following agencies to offer these positions (detailed descriptions are available at [www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows](http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows)):

- Association of American Universities (AAU), Policy Analyst
- Council on Foundations, Leadership Development Officer
- Institute for International Education (IIE), Program Officer, Scholar Rescue Fund
- National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE), Program Officer
- New York City Department of Cultural Affairs,
  - Cultural Programs Specialist
  - Cultural Communications Specialist
- U.S. Department of State
  - A variety of positions in different bureaus are available

ACLS seeks applications from recent Ph.D.s who wish to begin careers in administration, management, and public service by choice rather than circumstance. Competitive applicants will have been successful in both academic and extra-academic experiences. Applicants may apply to only one position and must fulfill the following eligibility requirements: possess U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status; have received a Ph.D. in the humanities or related social sciences between January 2008 and March 2011; and not have applied to any other ACLS fellowship programs in the 2010-11 competition cycle. All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system by **Monday, May 16, 3pm EDT**. Submitted applications will undergo ACLS' standard rigorous peer review process, which may include interviews by ACLS reviewers and by the hosting agency.