

University of Notre Dame  
College of Arts and Letters  
Mellon 5+1 Postdoctoral Fellowship

### Letter of Intent

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby register my intent to qualify for a Mellon 5+1 Postdoctoral Fellowship for academic year 2017-2018.

I understand that to qualify for the fellowship, I will need to satisfy all Graduate School requirements for graduation by August 1, 2017.<sup>1</sup> This includes a successful PhD defense and submission to the Graduate School of the final version of the dissertation plus all other necessary paperwork and payments.

If I qualify, I will be appointed a "Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar" by the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars. The stipend amount for the fellowship will be \$25,000 paid over nine months, beginning August 16, 2017 and ending May 15, 2018; I will also receive access to \$1500 in professional development funds to be used for research or conference travel, training, or other approved professional development costs. The position comes with the benefits due to a Notre Dame Teaching Scholar, including health insurance.<sup>2</sup>

I understand that if I qualify for the fellowship, I will either teach two 3-credit courses during my postdoctoral year, or teach one 3-credit course and take up an approved internship or professional placement. I will contact the Chair or DUS of my home department in Spring 2017 to discuss instructional opportunities. Internship opportunities will be advertised in early Spring 2017 and applications will be due on March 20, 2017. I understand I am not guaranteed an internship; if I cannot secure an internship, I will teach two courses in 2017-2018.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://graduateschool.nd.edu/resources-for-current-students/dt/dt-checklist/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://hr.nd.edu/assets/185732/p1\\_benefit\\_summary\\_2016\\_121245.pdf](http://hr.nd.edu/assets/185732/p1_benefit_summary_2016_121245.pdf)

If I do not satisfy all Graduate School requirements for graduation by August 1, 2017, I commit to teach my assigned course(s) (subject to departmental need) at the ABD adjunct rate of \$4000 per 3-credit course. If I complete degree requirements by November 1, I may qualify for a one semester post-doc starting in January 2018, but I understand that partial post-docs are not guaranteed and will be awarded at the discretion of the College.

Signed:

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Name

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Date

Please return to Jennifer Petersen, 100 O'Shaughnessy Hall, by March 1, 2017.