The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies seeks applicants to the 2027-2029 Woodson Fellowship Program

The Woodson Institute's Residential Fellowship Program has attracted outstanding scholars in the humanities and social sciences who work on a wide array of topics in African American and African Studies, as well as related fields. These two-year fellowships—offered at the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels—are designed to facilitate the writing of dissertations or manuscripts and provide successful applicants the opportunity to discuss and exchange works-in-progress both with each other and the larger intellectual community of the University. Preference is given to applicants whose research is substantially completed, thus providing them the maximum amount of time to complete their manuscripts within the fellowship term.

Post-doctoral research associates are expected to teach one upper-division seminar each year in the Department of African American and African Studies on a topic chosen in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies. For more information about preparing your application to the Fellowship program, please review the following pages.

Application materials must be submitted by **December 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM (EST)** in order to receive full consideration. Letters of recommendation are due by December 8, 2026.

For more information visit: https://woodson.as.virginia.edu/fellowship-program

We are currently accepting applications for the post-doctoral research associate and the pre-doctoral residential fellowship.

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

Post-Doctoral Application: https://jobs.virginia.edu/us/en/job/R0087534/Carter-G-Woodson-Institute-for-African-American-and-African-Studies-Post-Doctoral-Research-Associate

The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies invites applications for residential Post-Doctoral Research Associates, beginning in July 2027 (must have PhD in hand by June 15, 2027). As this is an early-career opportunity, post-doctoral applicants must have received their Ph.D. no earlier than six years prior to the application deadline. The program welcomes applications from candidates across all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences whose work focuses on African American and African Diasporic Studies, including but not limited in geographic scope to the U.S., the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, and/or the Diaspora. Individuals selected for the fellowship will hold the title of Research Associate and Lecturer. This position is based in Charlottesville, VA, and must be performed fully on-site. This is a twelve-month appointment, renewable for a second year. The rate of pay is $53,000 in year one with an increase in the second year. All research associates receive full-time benefits and may be eligible for a one-time relocation reimbursement of $1,000. Additionally, research associates receive an allowance for research and travel-related expenses (up to $2,000, annually). Selected applicants are required to teach one course per academic year in the Department of African American and African Studies (AAS), engage in regular manuscript workshops with an interdisciplinary cohort of other scholars, and periodically present their research at public events during the academic year.

TO APPLY:

Please apply via **the job posting** on UVA's Careers website.

You can also search for the position on the Careers job board using the requisition number: R0087534

Letters of recommendation should be sent separately to the following email address: woodsonfellows-recommendation-letters@virginia.edu

******All letters of recommendation must be received by December 8, 2026******

****Applications that do not contain all the required documents will not receive full consideration.****

Pre-Doctoral Residential Fellowship

Pre-Doctoral Application: https://woodson.as.virginia.edu/predoc

The Carter G. Woodson Institute's distinguished fellowship is a two-year *residential fellowship* for pre-doctoral students (ABD) whose work focuses on African American and African Diasporic Studies, including but not limited to research pertaining to African American, Caribbean, Latin American, African, and/or Diasporic contexts. Scholars selected for the fellowship are required to relocate to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia to join a cohort of interdisciplinary scholars.

Fellows receive funding for two calendar years through a twelve-month appointment. The fellowship comes with an annual stipend of $37,260, plus health insurance. All fellows receive a one-time relocation reimbursement (up to $1,000). Additionally, each fellow receives an annual allowance for research and travel-related expenses (up to $2,000, annually). We recommend that Fellows complete the majority of research toward their dissertation prior to the fellowship.

TO APPLY:

1. Please visit UVA's **Apply Central Application** Management website
2. Create an account as a first time user or as a returning user
3. Start a new application (for 2027 term)
4. Select "Woodson Fellowship" under drop-down menu
5. Create application
6. Upload necessary documents*
7. Complete background information, in-state and military status (if applicable)
8. Add names for 3 recommenders**
9. Review and submit application

***Statement on personal background** is entirely optional, declining to do so will not negatively impact your application package. The review committee will focus primarily on the required application materials (CV, Cover Letter, Writing Sample 1 and 2, Letters of Recommendation)

****Letters of recommendation** may be requested prior to the submission of the full application. Once you input the recommender's information, an automated message will invite the recommender to submit a letter on your behalf. This can take place prior to the submission of the full application. Please note: ***all letters of recommendation must be received by December 8, 2026***

Applications that do not contain all the required documents will not receive full consideration.