



The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Announces The Florence C. and Robert H. Lister Fellowship, 2022–2023

The 2022–2023 Lister Fellowship application period is now open. Applications for the Lister Fellowship are due by October 13, 2021, and we will announce the recipient on or about November 12, 2021.

The Florence C. and Robert H. Lister Fellowship commemorates the life and work of Florence C. Lister and the late Robert (Bob) H. Lister, noted archaeologists, historians, educators, writers, and administrators. Florence and Bob conducted much of their research in the southwestern United States and in northern and western Mexico. Over many decades, they made significant scholarly contributions to ancient and historic-period archaeology, to the history of archaeology, and to the study of pottery, including both Ancestral Pueblo and Spanish colonial ceramics.

Purpose

The purpose of the Lister Fellowship is to assist graduate students who show promise of making significant advances in archaeological knowledge of American Indian cultures of the Greater Southwest, including northern Mexico. The fellowship helps support the final stages of Ph.D. dissertation research and the actual writing of the dissertation.

General Information

The award for the Lister Fellowship is \$10,000. Applications are due at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center by October 13, 2021, and we will announce the award on or about November 12, 2021. Typically, we distribute the fellowship award in four equal installments over the course of a 12-month period, with the first installment in January 2022. We can work with the recipient to time the payments so they are the most helpful. The Fellow can spend the funds at their discretion to defray educational costs related to his or her Ph.D. program and expenses related to dissertation research, including living expenses. The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center cannot advise as to the tax status of the fellowship; the Fellow, in keeping with regulations explained in Internal Revenue Service Circular 520, must determine this. The award is not renewable.

The Lister Fellow is required to present a colloquium on their research at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center during the fellowship period. The Fellow and the Executive Vice President of the Research Institute at Crow Canyon will schedule this colloquium toward the end of the Fellowship period. We provide no additional stipend to defray costs of travel to the Center for the colloquium, although we will provide housing at Crow Canyon if it is available. We will consider proposals that involve more-extended stays at the Center. Ordinarily such visits would be to study Crow Canyon research collections or data, and

scheduling will be subject to the availability of the requested research space, facilities, and/or housing.

The Lister Fellow must submit four brief reports on the progress of their work. The Executive Vice President of the Research Institute at Crow Canyon schedules the timing of the reports with the Fellow and reviews the reports in order to authorize a payment. The fellow is also required to deposit a hardbound copy of the completed dissertation at the Center and to credit the Center and the Lister Fellowship in any publications that result from research or writing for which the fellowship provided support.

Eligibility

The broad eligibility requirements for the Lister Fellowship are in keeping with Florence and Bob's wide range of interests in Southwest archaeology. The fellowship is open to students who have been admitted to a Ph.D. program at a recognized university in North America and who are engaged in dissertation research or writing. The design of the student's project must produce a significant increase in knowledge about American Indian cultures in the southwestern United States or northern Mexico. Data for the dissertation may be gathered through field archaeology or analysis of existing archaeological collections. The study may be focused on either the pre-Hispanic or historic period; projects that consider the interaction of American Indian and European-derived cultures are eligible. Relevant projects that depend primarily on ethnoarchaeology or paleoenvironmental studies will also be considered.

Selection Process

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center reserves the right in any given year to solicit applications at large (open application) or to restrict the application process to Crow Canyon candidates (internal application). **The 2022–2023 Lister Fellowship is an open application solicited at large.**

Open Application: The Lister Fellowship announcement appears on Crow Canyon's website (www.crowcanyon.org). A committee established by Crow Canyon and comprised of both internal and external reviewers evaluates the applications and selects the Fellow.

Evaluation

Considerations for evaluating the applications include the following:

- The quality of the application, including the following: its theoretical and methodological content; the arguments that link the questions asked with the data collected and the analyses conducted; its completeness; and the quality of the writing
- The potential of the dissertation to produce substantive results and a significant advance in knowledge of American Indian cultures in the southwestern United States or northern Mexico
- The quality of the applicant's previous academic performance and scholarship
- The applicant's promise for productive future research and publication
- The ability of the applicant to complete a draft of a dissertation by or near the end of the fellowship period

If, in the opinion of the evaluation committee, we received no sufficiently worthy applications, no award will be made.

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows equal opportunity principles in the evaluation and award of the Lister Fellowship.

Application Format

Create all material on letter-size (8½-x-11-inch) paper using 1-inch margins and 12-point font. Compile the document as a PDF and submit via email to Mark Varien at mvarien@crowcanyon.org.

Application Content

- A cover sheet that provides the following:
 - a. the full name and signature of the applicant
 - b. the applicant's current and permanent addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail
 - c. the title of the proposed dissertation
 - d. the name and address of the department and university that will award the Ph.D.
 - e. the date on which the applicant was admitted to the Ph.D. program
 - f. the date on which the applicant was admitted to candidacy, if applicable
 - g. the expected date of completion of the degree
 - h. the name, address, and telephone number of the chair of the applicant's Ph.D. committee
 - i. the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three persons (in addition to the committee chair) who are familiar with the applicant's academic work or research and who are willing to serve as references
- A one-page academic biography, providing a brief account of the applicant's academic and research background and professional goals
- A 200-word abstract that summarizes the proposed research
- A narrative description of the dissertation project and its significance, in no more than seven pages, double-spaced. The description should include references; these should be listed in a bibliography that is in addition to the seven-page-maximum narrative description. If collections or records housed at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center will be consulted as part of the project, these plans should be outlined.
- A research and writing timetable that succinctly states the following in outline form and in no more than two pages:
 - a. what research has already been accomplished as of the date of application
 - b. the work planned from the time the fellowship is awarded until a complete draft is ready for review by the chair of the dissertation committee
 - c. the amount of time that will be devoted to dissertation research or writing during the fellowship period
 - d. what other support/employment, if any, is planned for that period
 - e. estimated date of graduation
- An up-to-date professional curriculum vitae
- A one- to two-page letter of recommendation from the dissertation committee chair that states that they have reviewed the proposal and supports the research, along with a brief evaluation of the proposed research. **The committee chair should submit a pdf file of this letter separately to mvarien@crowcanyon.org, or if they prefer, they can mail a hard copy to Mark Varien at the address below.**

The application deadline is **October 13, 2021**. Other than the letter from the committee chair, letters of reference **should not** be requested by the applicant; the evaluation committee will contact references, if necessary, after an initial screening of applications. The award will be announced on or about November 12, 2021.

Further inquiries about the fellowship should be addressed to:

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