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**The AHGBI-WISPS**

**Dorothy Sherman-Severin Research Fellowship**

**for Early-Career Researchers in Luso-Hispanic Studies (2021-22)**

The Executive Committees of the Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland (AHGBI) and Women in Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin-American Studies (WiSPS) invite applications for the 2021-22 Dorothy Sherman-Severin Research Fellowship for Early-Career Researchers in Luso-Hispanic Studies.

Aims of the Fellowship

The Fellowship was established in 2006 and first awarded in 2007. It is designed to address the needs of talented UK- or Irish-based early-career researchers in Luso-Hispanic Studies (broadly understood) who plan on pursuing an academic career in this area, and who, for whatever reason, are finding it difficult to consolidate and develop their research potential.

Eligibility

1. Applicants will normally be current members of either AHGBI or WiSPS.
2. Applicants will normally have been awarded their doctorate in Luso-Hispanic Studies (broadly understood) within the last three years.
3. Applicants will normally be employed on a full- or part-time basis in a UK or Irish Higher Education Institution. Priority may be given to candidates in smaller departments at teaching-intensive universities.
4. In 2021-22 there will be two awards to compensate for the suspension of the scheme in 20-21 due to circumstances linked to Covid-19 disruption. Candidates who applied in 20-21 may request to have their application considered in the current cycle but are advised to update details of their project where relevant.
	1. **Fellowship A** is open to members of either organization who identify as women.
	2. **Fellowship B** is open to all members of either organization.
5. The scheme is not designed to support academic staff whose development as researchers has already been supported through institutional sabbaticals and other major sources of funding.

Details of Award

1. The Fellowship will be tenable from 30 September 2021 to 1 October 2022.
2. The successful candidate will receive financial support of up to £1000 during the year of the award plus a programme of structured support and mentoring (see attached notes for eligible costs).
3. The successful candidate’s progress will be supported by a mentor chosen in consultation with the Selection Committee.
4. The Fellow will be expected to offer at least one conference paper based on research undertaken for the Fellowship at either the annual conference of AHGBI or WiSPS. A bursary of up to £350 will be available for attending the AHGBI conference. If the winner wishes to attend the WiSPS conference, they may apply for the competitive WiSPS conference bursary separately.
5. The Fellow will be expected to submit at least one article to a peer-reviewed scholarly journal within a year of completing the Fellowship (i.e. by 1 October 2022).
6. On completion of the Fellowship on 1 October 2022, the Fellow will be required to submit a detailed report on the progress achieved, including a supporting statement from the mentor. Copies of receipts for expenditure should be submitted by the same date together with an interim report outlining research undertaken to that date.

Applications

Applications are due **by** **9am on** **Monday, 31 May 2021** and should be made on the attached form, according to the Guidelines for Applicants; additionally, a separate CV (one page of A4 maximum) should be attached in Word or PDF format. Applications will be considered by a selection committee made up of members of the Executive Committees of AHGBI and WiSPS.

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

Please type throughout using a font no smaller than size 10 and using the boxes provided.

1. **Name of Applicant / Institution.** Provide contact details where you can be reached both within and outside term time.
2. **Details of Current Appointment and Brief Career History**. Please include brief details of your current appointment and attach a brief CV (maximum one A4 side) detailing your employment and research history.
3. **Title of Project and Sum Requested**. Provide a title for the project (no more than 20 words); this will be used to publicize the award if you are successful. Please state the total sum for which you are applying (up to a maximum of £1000).
4. **Proposal**. Please provide a clear outline of your project stating its research question and aimsas well as a realistic timetable for completion and projected outputs. You should also give details of any additional funding you may have requested for this project and/or information about previous research grants you may have obtained.

Please note that, if your application is successful, your timetable will form a central part of discussions and progress meetings with your mentor; it is therefore essential you are as realistic as possible in your planning. You should also ensure in advance that your proposed programme will be supported by your department.

The Fellowship is designed to support and promote talented early-career researchers in UK and Irish Luso-Hispanism (broadly understood) who plan on pursuing an academic career in this area and who, for whatever reason, are finding it difficult to consolidate and develop their research potential. It is therefore important that you outline clearly and concisely the reasons why you are applying. These may include, but need not be restricted to, the following factors:

* + - Employed in a teaching-intensive department.
		- Employed in a small department.
		- Employed in a department where sabbatical / study leave / research support schemes may not exist or are insufficiently robust or accessible.
		- Other circumstances which impede research progress.
1. **Particulars of Costs**. Please provide a **detailed and realistic** breakdown of estimated costs. If you are planning to cover parts of the costs of your project through other sources of funding, including self-funding, please indicate so. Underestimating costs may mean that the panel considers the project unrealisable. Certain categories of expenditure will not be supported for this Fellowship and should not be included; these are:
	* + Materials purchase.
		+ Conference fees or conference attendance costs.
		+ Microfilm / microfiche production.
		+ Publication costs.
		+ Photocopying costs.

Where replacement teaching costs are sought, these should be based on rates at your institution and should be agreed with your Head of Department prior to submission of the application.

**An electronic copy** of the completed form, signed and dated, should first be presented to your Head of Department and then sent to your Referee, who should forward the completed application as well as your one-page CV **by email by 9am on** **Monday, 31 May 2021** to the Chair of the Selection Committee, to whom enquiries may also be addressed: Dr Arantza Mayo: arantza.mayo@rhul.ac.uk

**Deadline for submission of completed applications by referees:**

**9am on** **Monday, 31 May 2021**

Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision by Thursday, 1 July 2021.