

Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program 2020-2021
The Graduate School, Michigan State University
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

One of the most pressing issues in higher education today is the preparation of future faculty for undergraduate teaching. As such, graduate education in the 21st century university pushes against traditional notions and expectations, demanding graduate students not only acquire subject matter expertise, but also the ability to translate this knowledge into successful teaching and learning. The Graduate School at Michigan State University (MSU) and James Madison College (JMC), are pleased to cosponsor an opportunity for graduate students to prepare for such work—the Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching (IIT) Fellowship Program.

The primary goal of the IIT Fellowship Program is to broaden and enrich the professional development experience of a diverse group of graduate students by placing them within an environment, James Madison College, with an established tradition in excellence in undergraduate teaching. Students selected for this full-year program will work with JMC faculty to engage in structured discussions on pedagogy and practice, course design and curriculum development. In addition, fellows will have an opportunity to investigate questions concerning the intellectual coherence and viability of interdisciplinary teaching and learning. In this latter work, they will have opportunities for general interactions with JMC undergraduates. In addition, fellows will be encouraged to integrate their work in the IIT fellowship with the University Certification in College Teaching Program.

Selected fellows will engage in regular meetings with other fellowship recipients, with JMC faculty, and with JMC students. Fellows are also expected to attend select classes and curricular events in the College on a regular basis. Additionally, fellows will conduct individual or collaborative projects on interdisciplinary undergraduate teaching and mentoring, including Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) projects, and to share their findings in public venues such as electronic portfolios, conferences, and peer-reviewed journals. Fellows are expected to commit approximately 10 hours monthly to the fellowship and will receive \$5000 to help support project expenses and/or travel to a conference to share their findings.

The IIT Fellowship Program is for doctoral students with an interest in interdisciplinary inquiry and undergraduate teaching. The program welcomes applicants from all colleges whose teaching areas would be relevant to a college of public affairs. Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a PhD and making progress on their degrees, have previous teaching experience, and be in good academic standing. Preference will be given to students currently in their second and third years of doctoral study. Applicants should submit the attached application form, a CV, and a brief essay that describes their interest in and previous work with interdisciplinarity, as well as their specific interest in the IIT program. Awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panel, have demonstrated academic achievement, interest in interdisciplinarity and undergraduate teaching, and engagement with issues in public affairs. Applications must be submitted on or before Tuesday March 31, 2020; interviews to follow.

For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact:
Dr. Anna Pegler-Gordon, James Madison College, gordonap@msu.edu.

IIT Fellowship Program 2020-2021 Application Form

Instructions: Please complete items 1-6 and have your faculty advisor and department chair sign the endorsement statement (see box below). Submit the complete application, C.V., and short essay (see below) to:

Dr. Anna Pegler-Gordon, James Madison College, Michigan State University, 361 North Case Hall, 842 Chestnut Road, East Lansing, MI 48825 or to gordonap@msu.edu.

All applications must be submitted on or before **Tuesday March 31, 2020**.

- 1) First and Last Name: _____
- 2) Department/School: _____
- 3) College: _____
- 4) Campus Address: _____
- 5) Email: _____
- 6) Campus Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Endorsement by Department Chair or Director of Graduate Committee and Advisor

The above is a doctoral student in good standing who has my endorsement for his/her participation in the IIT Fellowship Program.

Signature of Department Chair or Graduate Program Director

Name (print) of Department Chair or Graduate Program Director

Signature of Graduate Advisor

Name (print) of Graduate Advisor

Please include your CV and a brief essay (limit 500 words) that describes your interest in and previous work with interdisciplinarity, your specific interest in the IIT Fellowship Program, and how you anticipate participation in the IIT Fellowship Program will enhance your professional development.