Call for Applications: The Reagan Institute Society of Fellows

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute (RRPFI), through its Center for Scholarly Initiatives, is pleased to announce the establishment of the Reagan Institute Society of Fellows, created in partnership with Dartmouth, George Washington University, The Ohio State University, the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and Vanderbilt University.

The Society of Fellows is designed to support exceptional early-career scholars from the completion of a doctorate to a permanent placement on a university faculty. Throughout Fellows are offered unique professionalization opportunities through the presidential library and foundation ecosystem.

We invite applications at the level of Fellow and Graduate Fellow. Three Fellows and one Graduate Fellow will be appointed at the beginning of the 2027 academic year.

The Appointment

Fellows are appointed for five years: a two-year residency at the Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C., followed by a three-year term at a partner university as non-tenure-line faculty. Upon completing the Reagan Institute residency, Fellows become eligible for a $250,000 faculty development grant to be disbursed at the time of a tenure-track appointment at a university within the United States. This grant is disbursed to the institution and not to the individual. Fellows are supported in their pursuit of a tenure-track position throughout their appointment.

Graduate Fellows are appointed for three years: a one-year predoctoral residency at the Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C., followed by a two-year postdoctoral term at a partner university. Graduate Fellows are not eligible for a faculty development grant unless their appointment is converted to a five-year term.

Fields of Emphasis

1. **United States Political History:** Open widely to the study of American political forces. Projects that advance the study of the presidency are particularly encouraged.
2. **America in the World:** Inclusive of Diplomatic History, International Relations, Security Studies, Comparative Politics, International Law; or any other discipline that seeks to understand how the United States interacts with the international community.
3. **Science and Technology Studies:** Projects are welcome that assess how technological change has influenced American civil society, industrial dynamics, knowledge production, international standing, among other areas in historic or contemporary forms.
4. **Law and Economics:** Open to scholarship examining the relationship among law, markets, public policy, and economic institutions. Applicants trained in dual-degree (JD/PhD) programs will be seen as particularly competitive.
5. **Civic Thought**: A composite field encompassing Political Theory, American Political Development, Rhetoric and Communication, Classics, and related disciplines that are likely a fit for faculty positions housed in university civic centers and schools.

Expectations

Over the course of the appointment, each Fellow is expected to complete a full manuscript ready for submission to an academic or high-quality commercial press; or achieve an equivalent distinction in research and publication appropriate in their discipline. Each Fellow will design a new course in their area of expertise for our university partners. The course should meaningfully contribute to the catalog of one or more university partners, bring a range of viewpoints into the classroom, and take into account how artificial intelligence and other new technologies are changing teaching and learning.

Fellows are further expected to:

- Present at the annual scholarly conferences hosted by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.
- Participate in the monthly Manuscripts in the American Past & Present (MAPP) workshop.
- Prepare and deliver teaching, research, and job talks for multiple partner universities.

Eligibility

Those applying at the level of Fellow must complete their Ph.D. or other terminal degree by September 1, 2027. Graduate Fellows must be in the final year of their terminal degree and may be eligible for conversion to Fellow upon the successful defense of their dissertation. International applicants are welcome to apply.

Compensation and Benefits

Fellow:

Two-Year Reagan Institute Residency

- $80,000 annual salary
- $5,000 research account

Three-Year University Term

- $90,000 minimum annual salary
- $5,000 research account
- Full university benefits package

Graduate Fellow:

One-Year Reagan Institute Residency

- $60,000 annual salary
- $5,000 research account

Two-Year University Term

- Full salary and benefits package commensurate with the rate offered to postdoctoral fellows at the host institution
- $5,000 research account

Application Instructions and Required Materials

Please submit all application materials through Interfolio. You may also confirm your application submission by sending your materials to Ava Cusey at acusey@reaganfoundation.org

- Project proposal (approximately 1,250 – 1,500 words)
- Teaching statement (approximately 500 words)
- Writing sample (5,000 – 10,000 words)
- Curriculum vitae
- Unofficial transcripts
- Three references