THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT THE GREGORY SCHOOL

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM (cover sheet)

In partnership with

The Rice University Center for Engaged Research
and Collaborative Learning (CERCL)

Name: ________________________________________________________

Last                                                                First                                                Middle

Address: ________________________________________________________

Phone number: _________________________ Citizenship: ____________

E-mail address: _______________________________________________

Education:

Degree Date Major (Completed/anticipated)

Institution: ____________________________________________________

Current affiliation: ____________________________________________

Institution                                                                             Position

Title of proposed research project: _______________________________________________

Expected residency dates: ______________________________________________

A complete application must include:

• The Scholars-in-Residence Application cover sheet (original)
• A 1000 word description of the proposed research. This document must be double-
  spaced and use 12-point type. It should: (1) explain the nature and significance of the
  project, including its impact on the scholarly community; (2) a brief discussion of the
  applicants preparation for this project; (3) describe how Houston Public Library
  collections will be used in completing the work undertaken during the term of the
  residency; (4) plan for carrying out the research; (5) significance of the project for the
  applicant’s field of study; (6) outline of schedule (hours/days/months) that facilities will be
  used (ie. 6 hours per day/2 days per week for 5 months Feb-June).
• Two confidential letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant’s
  project.
• Curriculum vitae/resume (no more than 10 pages)

Completed applications must be sent to:

Scholars in Residence Program
C/o Chair of Research Committee
The African American Library at the Gregory School
1300 Victor St., Houston, Texas 77019
SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

The African American Library at the Gregory School in partnership with Rice University’s Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning (CERCL) offers a residential fellowship for scholars whose research would benefit from the Houston Public Library special collections (particularly the Gregory School archives).

Eligibility

The scholar in residence program is open to those holding the PhD as well as graduate students who have achieved candidacy.

Foreign nationals who have resided in the United States for two years immediately preceding the application deadline are eligible to apply.

Application Instructions

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Evaluation

Each application for the Scholars-in-Residence program will be evaluated by a selection committee, in light of the strength of the application materials. Reviews are not made available to applicants.

Qualifications

Qualifications considered include: (1) the relevance of the project to the mission and goals of the Scholars-in-Residence Program; (2) the feasibility of the project; and, (3) the level of importance of the Houston Public Library collections for the project; and (4) the strength of the proposal in light of letters of reference.

Terms of the Resident Fellowships

Residency is available for periods of 2-5 months (Feb-June).

The scholar(s) will be provided with personal office space, access to the Gregory School archives and other special collections.

Fellow(s) are provided with a computer and internet access.

Fellow(s) will be responsible for completing weekly timesheets and adhering to the proposed/accepted schedule.

Fellow(s) are provided with a small stipend of $1000* in exchange for two public lectures given in the capacity of the CERCL and Gregory School Fellows. One lecture will be held on the Rice University campus and the second lecture at the Gregory School in September 2016.

This fellowship does not include housing, and fellows do not receive salary or any compensation beyond the $1000 given in exchange for the two lectures.
*(W-9 must be submitted in order for check to be processed)

Deadline

Materials must be postmarked by: December 11, 2015.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by January 11, 2016.