

## The American Council of Learned Societies – Fellowship Program to Focus on Supporting Early Career, Non-Tenured Scholars

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**Submission Limitations:** N/A  
**Foundation Deadline:** **September 30, 2020**

### **Opportunity Details:**

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) invites research proposals from scholars in all disciplines of the humanities and related social sciences. Given the disproportionate effect the current economic downturn has on emerging, independent, and untenured scholars, in the 2020-21 competition year the awards are designated solely for untenured scholars who have earned the PhD within the past eight years. ACLS welcomes applications from scholars without faculty appointments and scholars off the tenure track.

The ultimate goal of the project should be a major piece of scholarly work by the applicant, which can take the form of a monograph, articles, digital publication(s), critical edition, or other scholarly resources. The ACLS Fellowship program does not fund works of fiction (e.g., novels or films), textbooks, straightforward translation, or pedagogical projects.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

This year, the fellowship is open to untenured scholars who have earned a PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences on or after October 1, 2012. Applicants must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or DACA recipient.

Peer reviewers are asked to be mindful of ACLS's commitment to inclusive excellence, and of how equity and diversity are integral components of merit. ACLS is especially interested in supporting scholars who hail from diverse institutions and groups that are underrepresented in the academy.

### **Key Dates**

September 30, 2020 (9 p.m. ET)  
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.

March 2021  
Selected grantees notified.

Tenure of the fellowship may begin no earlier than July 1, 2021 and no later than July 1, 2022. The fellowship term must conclude no later than December 31, 2022.

### **Total Awards**

The fellowship stipend is set at \$60,000 for a 12-month fellowship. Awards of shorter duration will be prorated at \$5,000 per month, with the minimum award set at \$30,000. Independent scholars, adjunct faculty, and faculty with teaching-intensive appointments will receive an award supplement of \$3,000 for research support, access to manuscript development workshops, or learned society conference attendance.

**Application Components:** Applicants are encouraged to work with the Office of Foundation Relations before final submission to the sponsor.