

To apply for a GPE Fellow position: Submit an updated resume and cover letter to gsasprofessionaldevelopment@yale.edu with the subject header “[Name of Fellow position]” by June 25 at 11:59 p.m.

Humanities Communications Fellow—Whitney Humanities Center

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Fellow Title: Humanities Communications Fellow—Whitney Humanities Center

Organization Name: Whitney Humanities Center

Organization Website: <https://whc.yale.edu>

Organization Description:

Located at the heart of the Humanities Quadrangle, the Whitney Humanities Center (WHC) is a hub for the humanities at Yale, where intellectual relationships are forged across academic boundaries. The WHC facilitates research, teaching, and scholarly exchange through fellowships, grants, public events, working groups, and visits from distinguished scholars—all aimed at deepening the study and scope of the humanities at Yale.

GPE Fellow Responsibilities:

Write news stories and blog posts that highlight innovative humanities research, teaching, and initiatives at Yale

Identify new books by Yale faculty, and design slides for the Humanities Faculty Bookshelf display in HQ

Research relevant Yale courses, faculty, working groups, and student organizations whose work aligns with upcoming WHC events, and write personalized outreach emails to promote these events

Collaborate on creative projects to promote the humanities and expand the WHC's digital presence; this might involve interviewing WHC-affiliated faculty and fellows; designing promotional materials (e.g. flyers, graphics, and digital banners); and pitching new ways to create compelling stories about the WHC and the humanities at Yale

Manage and update the WHC's Yale Connect page

Provide on-site support for events such as welcoming and directing guests, answering questions, and handling microphones during Q&A

Desired GPE Fellow Qualifications:

We encourage Ph.D. students in the humanities and related fields who have a demonstrated interest in community building and public-facing writing to apply. The ideal candidate will be eager to engage diverse audiences through thoughtful storytelling and creative communication strategies. They should possess excellent writing and editing skills, with a strong grasp of tone, clarity, and audience. Experience with graphic design and Adobe Creative Suite is a plus. The fellow should be self-motivated, detail-oriented, and able to work both independently and collaboratively.

GPE Fellow Learning Objectives:

The Humanities Communications Fellow at the WHC will develop a deeper understanding of current trends in humanities scholarship—both at Yale and beyond—while gaining hands-on experience promoting interdisciplinary research through public-facing writing and community outreach. The fellow will collaborate with faculty, graduate students, administrators, and other stakeholders to create engaging narratives and will refine their writing and editing skills by translating complex academic ideas for broad audiences. The fellow will also gain technical experience with Adobe InDesign, Yale Connect, and Microsoft Teams. Throughout the fellowship, they will work closely with the Associate Communications Officer to learn about the professional strategies behind academic communications and gain insight into career paths in the field.

Number of Available Positions: 1