

## Competition Details

# Obermann International Fellowships — Fall 2025

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## Application deadline

**Internal Submission Deadline:** Saturday, February 15, 2025

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## Details

**Administrator(s):** Jenna Hammerich (Owner)  
**Category:** Faculty Funding Opportunity  
**Cycle:** Fall 2025  
**Discipline Subject/Area:** Any  
**Funding Source(s):** \$2,000 - Unspecified

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## Description

The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Iowa now offers flexible fellowships for international researchers and artists to develop collaborations and pursue independent work at our beautiful Iowa City campus.

**Applications for Fall 2025 fellowships are due February 15, 2025.**

### What an OIF offers to international researchers:

- A \$2,000 stipend to help defray the cost of travel and lodging
- University of Iowa health insurance coverage for the duration of the fellowship
- Office space at the Obermann Center
- Temporary UI affiliation, including access to libraries
- Structured opportunities for scholarly exchange (seminars, lectures, introduction to UI researchers, etc.)
- Official letter of invitation for institutional and visa purposes
- Information about accommodations and other practical needs

### Funding

**Each fellow will be reimbursed up to \$2,000 for travel and lodging expenses.** Since the fellowship covers only a portion of the expenses of travel and lodging, **applicants need to secure funding from their home institutions.**

The Obermann Center will also cover the cost of a University of Iowa health insurance plan for each fellow, for the duration of their stay. (J-1 scholars are required to carry a UI health insurance policy.)

### Eligibility and requirements

Up to eight international fellowships are granted per academic year. **Applicants must be active researchers at an accredited institution of higher learning outside of the United States or independent researchers/artists with a track record of excellence based outside of the U.S.** Their area of research must have a direct equivalent at the University of Iowa.

Fellows are chosen for their ability to expose the campus to new and relevant research agendas or regions, and the likelihood that the fellowship will result in lasting scholarly contributions. Applications will be reviewed by the Obermann Center staff, who will make recommendations for acceptance to the Advisory Board.

Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply; they should have a good enough command of

English to be able to partake in UI academic activities. Researchers are expected to reside in the Iowa City area during the term of their fellowship and participate in the Obermann Center's activities. **The duration of the stay is flexible: fellowships can last a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of one UI academic semester.** The entire fellowship period must take place within a single Fall or Spring UI semester. For opening and closing dates of UI semesters, please [see this calendar](#).

### **Application Requirements**

- A completed online application, including
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Research proposal, including a rationale of the project's connection to the University of Iowa (maximum 2,000 words)
  - One-page bibliography related to the proposal
  - Two reference letters (only required for applicants without a PhD or other terminal degree)

Once you submit this application, the Obermann Center will notify you of your application status via email. If you are accepted, we will ask you to email us the photo page of your passport and a financial statement showing the USD equivalent of at least \$1,000/month for the duration of your stay (more, if you are bringing a spouse and/or children). Shortly after, you will receive a link to the University of Iowa's online international scholars system, where you will complete a few forms necessary for the preparation of your DS-2019. Once you have completed them, the Obermann Center will be in touch in 1-2 weeks with your letter of invitation and DS-2019. At that point, you should make your visa appointment.