

**Mellon Indigenous Arts Fellows Program  
Call for Applications  
November 2017**

The Mellon Indigenous Arts Initiative is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 Mellon Indigenous Arts Fellows Program for University of Virginia faculty. This call for applications seeks to appoint up to five Arts Fellows working in areas related to Indigenous Arts to begin Summer 2018. A final call for applications will be announced in Fall 2018 for the 2019-2020 fellows program.

The Mellon Indigenous Arts Fellows Program is part of a broad multi-year initiative on **The Indigenous Arts of Australia and the Americas** (2016-2020) funded in partnership by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, and the Provost's Office. The Indigenous Arts initiative seeks to establish UVA as a research center of excellence for the study of the Indigenous Arts of Australia and the Americas. This goal is in alignment with core initiatives at UVA, including a research focus on the Global South. Among the new elements made possible by this initiative are new curatorial positions in the Indigenous Arts; a residency program for scholars, artists, and curators who are leaders in the field; and new programs on curatorial work for students from a broad range of backgrounds and disciplines.

These fellowships will offer UVA faculty the opportunity to pursue creative and scholarly projects in the arts. Indigenous Arts Fellows will be able to forge new research initiatives with the University museums and their collections, jointly organize workshops, exhibitions and courses on interdisciplinary themes related to Global Indigenous arts, and present their projects at a Spring 2019 symposium at UVA.

The Arts Fellows will be partially released from teaching. Fellows will be expected to develop a course based on the research they conduct during their fellowship. In addition to one course release, each Fellow will receive research funds in the amount of \$10,000 (\$6,500 to support their individual research and creative work and \$3,500 for course development).

Applications should include:

- A two-page statement on the research or creative work to be undertaken during the fellowship
- A page-long plan for curriculum development
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names of two referees
- Approval from the chair of relevant department or program

Fellowship applications would be selected on the basis of the:

- Quality of the proposal for research or creative work
- Track record of the applicant relative to opportunity
- Potential for curriculum innovation

The application deadline is **February 5, 2018**. Please submit proposals to Amanda Wagstaff at [aw2pz@virginia.edu](mailto:aw2pz@virginia.edu) and feel free to contact her with any questions.

Fellows will be announced by March 1, 2018.