



RICE | CERCL
CENTER FOR ENGAGED RESEARCH & COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

The African American Religious Studies Forum

AARSF FELLOWS PROGRAM COVER SHEET

Name: _____
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Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Citizenship: _____

E-mail address: _____

Rice University Department: _____

| Degree | Date (Anticipated) | School |
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Title of proposed research project: _____

A complete application must include:

- The AARSF Fellows Program Cover Sheet
- 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 the project will benefit the CERCL's Archive in the Woodson Research Center; (4) significance of the project for the applicant's field of study.
- Confidential letter of recommendation from the a member of your dissertation committee
- Curriculum vitae (no more than 10 pages)

Completed applications must be emailed to: cercl@rice.edu



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Rice University's Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning (CERCL) offers a Fellowship program for graduate students whose research presents and promotes innovative scholarship related to the study of African American religion. In this way, CERCL aims to help advance the success of scholarship often considered marginal to the Academy.

The African American Religious Studies Forum (AARSF) Fellows Program provides opportunities for graduate students working in African American religion to: (1) present their research; (2) add to the CERCL Archive in the Woodson Research Center at Rice University's Fondren Library.

Eligibility

The AARSF Fellows program is open to Rice University graduate students who are in the writing phase of the program (e.g., dissertation proposal or dissertation).

Application Instructions

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Evaluation

A selection committee, in light of the strength of the application materials, will evaluate each application for the AARSF Fellows program. Reviews are not made available to applicants.

Qualifications

Qualifications considered include: (1) the relevance of the project to the mission and goals of CERCL's African American Religious Studies Forum; and, (2) the feasibility of the project; and, (3) the benefit to CERCL's Archive in the Woodson Research Center; and (4) the strength of the proposal in light of letter of reference.

Terms

Fellowship period is 1 academic semester.

Research Fellow(s) are provided with a stipend of \$2,500 in exchange for:

- Two distinct public or community engagements (e.g., lecture)
- Submission of materials to CERCL's Archive at Fondren Library's Woodson Research Center

All scholarship (publications, papers and on-line documents) developed while receiving these funds must acknowledge CERCL and the AARSF Fellows Program. Copies must be given to CERCL.

Deadline

Materials must be received by midnight: Extended Deadline **May 6, 2020**.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by May 20, 2020.