

Application Procedures

Eligible candidates must be nominated by their undergraduate institutions. Once nominated, the following items must be submitted no later than **January 17, 2017**:

- Completed application, including an application essay, found at www.lillyfellows.org/GraduateFellowsProgram
- CV or Resume
- Transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended
- Three letters of recommendation. For applicants who have attended graduate school, at least one of the three letters must come from the applicant's undergraduate institution and at least one must come from the applicant's current graduate program. The letter from the graduate program need not address issues of church-relatedness or Christian faith but rather should address the applicant's preparation and qualifications for further graduate work.
- For MFA applicants only, a CD or DVD portfolio

Letters, CV or Resume, and Transcripts should be mailed directly to the following Address:

LGFP Selection / Lilly Fellows Program
Valparaiso University
1320 Chapel Drive South
Valparaiso, IN 46383-6493

Finalists must attend an Interview Conference on **March 30-April 1, 2017** (overseas applicants please contact us). Fellows must attend an Inaugural Conference on **July 31-August 3, 2017**. The LGFP will cover all expenses for these events. Final selection of the Lilly Graduate fellows is made by a selection committee and Lilly Fellows Program staff. Ten graduate fellowships will be awarded. For questions regarding application procedures, email us at: lillyfellows.program@valpo.edu or telephone at 219-464-5317.

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, based in Christ College, the interdisciplinary honors college of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, was established in 1991 to strengthen the quality and shape the character of church-related institutions of higher learning for the twenty-first century. First, it offers graduate and postdoctoral teaching fellowships for young scholars who wish to renew their sense of vocation within a Christian community of learning in order to prepare themselves for positions of educational leadership within church-related institutions. Second, it maintains a collaborative National Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities that sponsors a variety of activities and publications designed to explore the Christian character of the academic vocation and to strengthen the religious nature of church-related institutions. The Lilly Fellows Program is funded by Valparaiso University, the LFP National Network of Church-Related Colleges and Universities, and a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., an Indianapolis-based private foundation with longstanding interests in education, religion, and community development. For more information, please consult the Lilly Fellows Program website at www.lillyfellows.org.



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The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts

*You are embarking on an adventure.
Pursuing a graduate degree in humanities
or the arts will push your creativity to its
limits as you refine your mind and cultivate
your identity as a scholar,
a professor, a teacher, an artist.
Of course, you will not do this alone;
the faculty at your graduate institution,
fellow students, and other mentors—
in short, a network of colleagues—
will help you meet your potential.*

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extends this network of colleagues beyond your individual graduate program into a community of scholars and artists interested in research and teaching within church-related institutions of higher education. Within this network you will find colleagues and mentors who integrate scholarship, creative work, research, and a vocational interest in Christian Higher Education, and who will challenge and support you as you move from your undergraduate experience, through your graduate program, and then into a professional career among scholars who integrate faith and learning.

The Three-Year Program

The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program will select a cohort of ten Fellows who will enter graduate school in the fall, 2017. Over a three-year period, these Fellows, along with two mentors, will communicate and collaborate with each other in areas of research, teaching, and professional development while exploring the intersections of Christianity and higher learning. The Program will reach completion with the introduction of the Graduate Fellows to representatives of the Lilly Fellows Program National Network's annual meeting. More specifically, Lilly Graduate Fellows will participate in the following programmatic objectives:

- Lilly Graduate Fellows will participate in four conferences over the course of three years. These conferences will allow Fellows to collaborate with each other and with senior scholars and luminaries who integrate research, teaching, vocation, and an interest in church-related higher education.
- Lilly Graduate Fellows will develop a relationship with a mentor who is a senior scholar at a Lilly Fellows Program Network School.
- Lilly Graduate Fellows and mentors, over the course of the three-year program, will participate in common readings and online discussions that explore the intersections of Christianity and higher learning by drawing on classical and contemporary works of art, literature, theology, history, and philosophy.

Lilly Graduate Fellows will receive three annual \$3,000 stipends for use at the Fellows' discretion.

Eligibility

Nominees must intend to enter a Ph.D., M.F.A., Th.D., or equivalent program at the school of their choice in fall, 2017, that will lead to a teaching career in humanities or the arts within the academy. Nominees must want to engage modes of Christian practice and inquiry in the context of the academy and their academic disciplines and demonstrate an interest in teaching at a church-related school. In addition, nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Nominees must have earned or be in the process of earning a baccalaureate degree from a LFP network institution.
- Eligibility is open to seniors graduating during 2016/2017 academic year, or to anyone having received a baccalaureate from a network institution after April, 2012.
- Nominees must be U.S. Citizens.
- In order to receive this Fellowship, nominees must have been accepted into a Ph.D., M.F.A., Th.D., or equivalent program located in North America by June 1, 2017. Eligible disciplines are: art; art history; creative writing; history; interdisciplinary studies; languages and literatures; music; music history; philosophy; religious studies; rhetoric; theater history; theater arts, and theology.
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