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**THE AHGBI/WISPS DOROTHY SHERMAN-SEVERIN RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP FOR EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHERS IN LUSO-HISPANIC
STUDIES (2017-18)**

The Executive Committees of the Association of Hispanists of Great Britain and Ireland (AHGBI) and Women in Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin-American Studies (WISPS) invite applications for the 2017-18 Dorothy Sherman-Severin Research Fellowship for Early-Career Researchers in Luso-Hispanic Studies.

Aims of the Fellowship

The Fellowship was established in 2006 and first awarded in 2007. It is designed to address the needs of talented UK- or Irish-based early-career researchers in Luso-Hispanic Studies (broadly understood) who plan on pursuing an academic career in this area, and who, for whatever reason, are finding it difficult to consolidate and develop their research potential.

Eligibility

1. Applicants will normally be current members of either AHGBI or WISPS.
2. Applicants will normally have been awarded their doctorate in Luso-Hispanic Studies (broadly understood) within the last three years.
3. Applicants will normally be employed on a full- or part-time basis in a UK or Irish Higher Education Institution. Priority may be given to candidates in smaller departments at teaching-intensive universities.
4. The Fellowship is open to both men and women.
5. The scheme is not designed to support academic staff whose development as researchers has already been supported through institutional sabbaticals and other major sources of funding.

Details of Award

1. The Fellowship will be tenable from 30 September 2017 to 1 October 2018.
2. The successful candidate will receive financial support of up to £1250 during the year of the award plus a programme of structured support and mentoring (see attached notes for eligible costs).
3. The successful candidate's progress will be supported by a mentor chosen in consultation with the Selection Committee.
4. The Fellow will be expected to offer at least one conference paper based on research undertaken for the Fellowship at either the annual conference of AHGBI or WISPS. Reasonable costs for attending the conference will be met. In order to be able to attend either the AHGBI or the WISPS conference, the Fellow will normally offer the conference paper either during the academic year of the Fellowship, or during the following academic year.

5. The Fellow will be expected to submit at least one article to a peer-reviewed scholarly journal within a year of completing the Fellowship.
6. On completion of the Fellowship, the Fellow will be required to submit a detailed report on the progress achieved, including a supporting statement from the mentor. Copies of receipts for expenditure should be submitted with the report.
7. If awarded, the funds are to be used for the project and activities contained in the application only.

Applications

Applications are due by **Wednesday 1st April 2017** and should be made on the attached form, in consultation with the Guidelines for Applicants. It is important that applicants bear this information in mind when drafting their applications. Applications will be considered by a selection committee made up of members of the Executive Committees of AHGBI and WISPS.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Please type throughout using a font no smaller than size 10 and using the boxes provided.

1. **Name of Applicant / Institution.** Provide contact details where you can be reached both within and outside term time.
2. **Details of Current Appointment and CV.** Please include brief details of your current appointment and attach a brief CV (maximum 1 page A4) detailing your employment and research history.
3. **Title of Project and Sum Requested.** Provide a title for the project (no more than 20 words), to be used to publicize the award if you are successful. Please also state the total sum for which you are applying.
4. **Details of the Proposal.** The Fellowship is designed to support and promote talented early-career researchers in UK and Irish Luso-Hispanism (broadly understood) who plan on pursuing an academic career in this area, and who, for whatever reason, are finding it difficult to consolidate and develop their research potential. It is therefore important that you outline clearly and concisely the reasons why you are applying. These may include, but need not be restricted to, the following factors:
 - ⊗ Employed in a teaching-intensive department.
 - ⊗ Employed in a small department.
 - ⊗ Employed in a department where sabbatical / study leave / research support schemes may not exist or are insufficiently robust or accessible.
 - ⊗ Other circumstances which impede research progress.

Along with these factors, and any others you may wish to include, you should provide a clear and concise summary of your project, which also demonstrates your research abilities and indicates how this Fellowship would benefit your research. Finally in this section, you should provide a timetable for completion of your project.

If your application is successful, this will form a central part of discussions and progress meetings with your mentor. It is therefore essential you are as realistic as possible in your planning; you should also ensure in advance that this programme will be supported by your department.

5. **Particulars of Costs.** Certain categories of expenditure will not be supported for this Fellowship and should not be included. These are:

- ⊗ Materials purchase.
- ⊗ Conference fees or conference attendance costs.
- ⊗ Microfilm / microfiche production.
- ⊗ Publication costs.
- ⊗ Photocopying costs.

Where replacement teaching costs are sought, these should be based on rates at your institution and should be agreed with your Head of Department prior to submission of the application.

6. **1 electronic copy** of the completed form, signed and dated, should first be presented to your Head of Department and then sent to your Referee, who should forward the completed application by email to the Chair of the Selection Committee, to whom enquiries may also be addressed:

Professor Sally Faulkner: S.Faulkner@exeter.ac.uk

7. Deadline for submission of applications: Wednesday 1st April 2017

Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by May 2017.