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NEW FOR 2011—HALL CENTER COMPETITIONS PORTAL

LAWRENCE – Beginning in Fall 2011, the Hall Center will implement a new online system for receiving, processing, and reviewing applications for Hall Center awards and fellowships.

It will include several important features:

- ***Convenient online interface.*** Applicants will be able to complete an application from any computer with web access. The system will also allow applicants to save an incomplete application and return to it at a later time. Most applications will not require any submission of physical materials.
- ***Review of competition information.*** Potential applicants may review all details and requirements of current competitions prior to initiating an application.
- ***Automatic solicitation of reference letters.*** In the case of applications that require internal or external references, applicants will begin the application process in advance by entering the names and email addresses of their references. Referees will receive system notifications and reminders prompting them to submit their reference letters before the deadline. Applicants will receive automatic notification when referees have submitted their letters, and may check the status of their reference letters at any time by logging onto the system.
- ***Easy upload of supplemental material.*** Applicants will be able to upload supplemental material (e.g., project description, curriculum vitae) as either a Word Document or PDF. Applicants for the Creative Works Fellowship will also be able to upload samples of their work in any of the following formats: jpg, pdf, mov, mp3, or m4a.
- ***Review committee access.*** Designated peer review committee members will be able to access application files immediately upon their assignment to a committee, allowing additional time for review. Reviewers will now enter initial comments and ranking

directly into the system in advance of the peer review meeting, facilitating subsequent discussions.

The Competitions Portal will go live on or before September 1, 2011. It will be accessible via the Hall Center's website. All 2011-2012 competitions will be included in the launch, **with two exceptions:**

- **The NEH Summer Stipend Institutional Nomination.** Due to the early September deadline, this application will continue via paper submission **for Fall 2011 only.** The application form and information are available at http://hallcenter.ku.edu/~hallcenter/grants/faculty_support/index.shtml. In future years, this competition will also be included in the online system application process.
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- **Simons Public Humanities Fellowship.** Because of the unique nature of this fellowship and its rolling deadline, we will continue to receive application letters and resumes via email. Information on this fellowship opportunity for individuals of accomplishment with careers outside of the university is available at http://www.hallcenter.ku.edu/~hallcenter/grants/simons_index.shtml.
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