

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

### 2026–27 Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Assistantship

The Taft Research Center welcomes applications for our 2026–27 Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Assistantship (IHGA). The IHGA program offers a unique, experiential learning opportunity for Taft-eligible graduate students to work closely with the Faculty Director, Program Director, and Postdoctoral Fellows. Successful applicants will advance their communication, event management, community engagement, and group leadership skills, while refining their interdisciplinary fluency as they work with individuals from across our 15 units, as well as community and campus partners. We seek applicants ready to contribute to our public humanities and academic programming, research and mentorship initiatives, and grantmaking programs. You will make meaningful contributions and help develop new initiatives as part of a dynamic, interdisciplinary team.

#### **Expectations**

IHGA are expected to work two (2) full workdays and one half-workday per week, for the duration of the academic year (August 24, 2026–April 29, 2027) when classes are in session. Duties may include:

- Attend and support weekly Taft Colloquium of Center, Dissertation, and Postdoctoral Fellows;
- Develop and facilitate biweekly Dissertation Fellows Mentoring Meetings;
- Assist with thematic programming, including registration, documentation, and write-ups;
- Contribute to graduate student career development initiatives;
- Assist with research for the Center, including implementing and running program assessments, benchmarking programs, among other duties;
- Support faculty preparing research seminars, summer research institutes, developing and executing writing programs, workshops, and launching new programs.

#### **Eligibility & Application**

This opportunity is open to advanced graduate students in good academic standing enrolled in programs offered by Taft-eligible units. All applicants must have the approval of their Director of Graduate Studies before applying. Preference will be given to students who have completed coursework requirements. The assistantship carries a full University Graduate Scholarship through the student's home department (contingent upon successful negotiation with the college), as well as a stipend of **\$22,278.90** for the academic year.

To apply, please send the following materials in a single PDF to [taft@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:taft@ucmail.uc.edu):

1. **cover letter** expressing interest in the position, highlighting any relevant experience planning or supporting academic events and programs, your research interests, and how you see the opportunity contributing to your professional advancement (700 words max.); and
2. **curriculum vitae**, including the name of the faculty member who will write in support of your application and (if different) the name of your Director of Graduate Studies.

Applicants should arrange for a letter of support from a faculty member who can provide an overview of their progress in your degree program and assessment of their ability to undertake the position. A brief letter is also required from your Director of Graduate Studies affirming that they support your application and will negotiate with the college for the UGS, or tuition portion of the position. **Both applications and letters of support are due to [taft@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:taft@ucmail.uc.edu) by April 22, 2026.**