



## **BUFFALO BILL HISTORICAL CENTER**

### **Call for Proposals: 2012-2013 Resident Fellowships**

Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC) in Cody, Wyoming, invites proposals for its 2012-2013 Resident Fellowship Program. Fellowships are intended to fund research advancing knowledge, understanding, and passion about the extraordinary cultural and natural heritage of the American West and its timeless and global relevance. Selected Fellows receive a stipend up to \$5,000. Fellowships require at least one-week residency or more, dependent upon the parameters of the Fellow's research needs. The period of residency must be completed between June 1, 2012, and May 31, 2013. Fellows are responsible for arranging their transportation, lodging, and meals during residency. (Note: Cody housing/lodging demands are very high during the months of June, July, and August. The BBHC recommends Fellows consider scheduling their research in the off-season.)

Fellows may pursue field research in association with ongoing studies conducted by BBHC curatorial staff in the Greater Yellowstone region or conduct archival and artifactual research among the collections of the BBHC: McCracken Research Library, the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, the Plains Indian Museum, the Cody Firearms Museum, or the Draper Museum of Natural History. Research and collection strengths at the BBHC include but are not limited to these: western art and art history, Plains Indian art and cultures, Greater Yellowstone ecology and conservation, firearms history and technology, western history, and the life and times of William F. Cody. Projects must be relevant to the BBHC's mission and tied to its resources and/or expertise.

Special consideration will be given to research proposals that incorporate an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the American West. Proposals for the 2012-2013 Fellowship Program will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Candidate's professional background and academic accomplishments.
2. Research project's potential contribution to understanding of the cultural and natural heritage of the American West and its timeless and global relevance.
3. The potential for professional presentation and/or publication upon completion of the Fellow's research.

Proposals (no more than two single-spaced pages) should outline a personal statement of purpose, the project parameters, and specific reference to how the BBHC's staff expertise, archival, photographic, and physical collections, or other resources will significantly contribute to the ultimate success of the project. Please attach a CV, two letters of reference, a timeline outlining the plan of research, including possible dates for anticipated products, and any other relevant material. As a direct result of the Fellowship award, Resident Fellows are expected to prepare a professional presentation and/or publication crediting the support of BBHC. Informal discussions of research findings and active collaboration with BBHC staff and other Fellows are encouraged. Fellows will also submit a brief summary of findings upon completion of residency.

Please submit the proposal, current curriculum vitae, and two professional references by April 15, 2012. Candidates will be selected by May 1, 2012, and notified by e-mail. Submit proposal and collateral materials to:

Resident Fellows Program  
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