Thinking Matters Fellowship

The Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (VPUE) at Stanford University is now accepting applications for teaching fellowship positions in Thinking Matters, a required program that honors the freshman educational tradition first established at Stanford in 1919. Fellows will teach required Thinking Matters courses; we seek candidates with relevant backgrounds in any of the following fields: Biology, Neuroscience, Physics, Philosophy (especially Aesthetics and Ethics), Political Science, Psychology, American History, Anthropology, Literature and Film (only as relevant to course listings). Eligible candidates will have earned a doctorate in a relevant field, conferred no earlier than 2013 and no later than June 2019.

The Thinking Matters fellowship promotes community through pedagogy workshops, research colloquia, and other activities. All Thinking Matters courses are team taught. Fellows will be placed on teams in three different courses, one each in autumn, winter and spring quarters. Fellows lead two seminar discussions (averaging 15 students each) twice weekly; they individualize student learning through regular tutorial sessions; and they coordinate instruction with plenum lectures given by Stanford faculty. The appointment begins August 1, 2019 for a two-year term that is renewable for one additional year depending on programmatic need and job performance. Fellows are typically released from teaching responsibilities for one quarter during the second year. Annual starting salary will be at least $68,500 with a supplemental stipend of $2,000 for research and scholarship.

Applications will open December 14, 2018, and close January 31, 2019, and must be submitted through Interfolio. Offers of employment are made contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and ability to demonstrate eligibility to work in the US.

To apply for the 2019-20 Thinking Matters Fellowship:

Step One: Cluster Identification

Before you submit your application online, please rank two course clusters (primary and secondary) for which you would like to be considered. In addition, you have the option to list one additional course (not listed in either cluster) which you feel qualified to teach. A full two-year fellowship position will require placement in three courses, one each in autumn, winter and spring. Because applications are evaluated in relation to the courses offered, we ask you to think carefully about which courses may be the best match for your background in scholarship and teaching.

Course Cluster Information

https://undergrad.stanford.edu/programs/thinking-matters/teach/open-fellowship/clusters

Step Two: Gather Application Materials

Compile the following materials:

1. Letter of application that addresses all aspects of your qualifications including:
a. Demonstrated excellence in teaching, especially freshman;

b. Relevant research and teaching related to your chosen course clusters;

c. Evidence of intellectual flexibility;

d. Experience with team-teaching (recommended).

2. Current curriculum vitae

3. Teaching statement:
   a. Examples of how you would teach a text or topic from as many courses in your clusters as relevant to your candidacy. Pay special attention to giving examples for courses taught in different quarters because we seek to appoint Fellows to teach one course per quarter.

4. Summary of student, peer and/or other teaching evaluations from your most recent three courses taught: 5 page maximum. Do not submit individual student forms or letters from individual students.

Request 3 Letters of Recommendation from your Interfolio account or have referees submit a letter to the Interfolio site or mail letters directly to Interfolio.

*Note: If you have not yet completed the Ph.D., one reference should address the status of your dissertation progress toward completion by June 2019.

**Step Three: Online Submission of Application Materials and Information**

Once all required documents have been gathered, process your application through your Interfolio account (or create a free account with interfolio, https://apply.interfolio.com/56871).

To submit your application:

1. Log-in to your Interfolio account and search for “Stanford.”
3. Complete profile and enter requested information about cluster preferences:
   a. Demographic Profile: including, degree granting institution, and date of Ph.D. (which must have been earned no earlier than 2013).
   b. Applications will be considered incomplete if the Demographic Profile is missing information.
   c. Identify two course clusters.
   d. Select one course not contained in either cluster for which you would like to be considered (optional).
4. Fulfill all document requirements. You will be able to add additional materials later.
5. Save and submit your application.

**Final deadline for submitting your completed application is January 31, 2019.**

If you choose to withdraw, or if you have any additional concerns, please contact thinkingmatters@stanford.edu

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