



**Important Covid-19 Information: Due to the uncertainty of what the situation will be going into 2021, the awardee of the fellowship should be prepared for possible changes, including campus closure and timeline restructuring. OPUS will make all attempts to work with you on any changes, however, applicants should consider travel, the ability to make local day trips, or the need to make arrangements for off-campus lodging for each of the two 20-hour research periods in the archives.**

## **Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship**

### **2021 Guidelines and Application Instructions**

[www.opusarchives.org/fellowship](http://www.opusarchives.org/fellowship)

The Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship is an annual scholarship awarded to dissertation students in the fields of depth psychology and/or mythology from any accredited graduate level institution. The Fellowship carries the name of Professor Downing in acknowledgement of her contribution to the fields of depth psychology and mythology, her many years of teaching at Pacifica Graduate Institute, and her gift to OPUS of her own archival materials. The purpose of the Downing Fellowship is to award \$5,000 for dissertation research.

Once awarded, the winning student (“Fellow”) must use the collections at OPUS for a significant amount of their dissertation research.

The collections available for research at OPUS include Joseph Campbell, Marija Gimbutas, James Hillman, Jane and Joseph Wheelwright, Christine Downing, Marion Woodman, Adolf Guggenbühl-Craig, and Katie Sanford, among others. For more information on these scholars visit our website at [www.opusarchives.org/collections](http://www.opusarchives.org/collections).

### **GUIDELINES**

*Fellowship Guidelines may have changed from previous years – please read*

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Deadline for Submission:** All application materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, January 15, 2021.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a student in a doctoral program of any accredited institution writing a dissertation within the fields of depth psychology and/or mythology
- Demonstrate the necessity of substantial on-site use of OPUS' collections
- Have an approved concept paper
- Have a confirmed dissertation chair

**Duration of Fellowship:** Requires forty (40) hours of research in the Archives. These funds are for one (1) year of research to be conducted between April 12, 2021 and April 11, 2022. Failure to complete the following two stages within this timeframe could result in forfeiture of award funds.

There are 2 stages by which the Fellowship is completed:

- **First stage:** Preliminary award in the amount of \$2,500 with an approved concept paper and/or first chapter of dissertation, and a confirmed dissertation chair. The Fellow is expected to conduct half (20 hours) of their required time doing active research in the Archives at this stage.
- **Second stage:** Upon submission of an approved dissertation proposal and/or first two chapters of dissertation (which has been accepted by students' dissertation committee) the remaining Fellowship monies, \$2,500, will be disbursed and the student will then complete the remaining twenty (20) hours of active research in the Archives.

**Selection Process:** Proposals will be screened by OPUS staff for eligibility. Review and final selection will be conducted by the OPUS Downing Fellowship Committee.

**Notification of Award:** March 31, 2021

If you have further questions after reviewing the CDDF Guidelines or the following Application pages, please email [cddf@opusarchives.org](mailto:cddf@opusarchives.org)

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Eligible Candidates:** Students in doctoral programs writing within the fields of depth psychology and mythology with an approved concept paper. The student must plan to use the collections at OPUS for a significant amount of their research.

### **Application materials checklist** (*See further details and instructions below*)

- 1) Applicant Information
- 2) Proposal
- 3) Timeline

#### *Supporting Documents*

- 4) Curriculum Vitae
- 5) Approved concept paper and/or first chapter of dissertation

#### *Sealed Documents*

- 6) Graduate transcript
- 7) Two letters of recommendation (Chair and other qualified referee)

Materials for all seven (7) application components for the Christine Downing Dissertation Fellowship must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on January 15, 2021.

### **1) Applicant Information**

Maximum one (1) page containing the following information (no specific format required):

- Your contact information including your name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number
- Graduate school information including the name of your school, major, dissertation title and dissertation committee Chair with contact information

### **2) Proposal**

Maximum two (2) pages describing your proposed research project in the Archives:

- Discuss specific collection materials and their relevance to the project, as well as how you envision the use of OPUS' archives as specifically supporting your dissertation. (Public Database: [www.opusarchives.org/databases-2](http://www.opusarchives.org/databases-2))
- It is expected that submissions will entail a scholarly exploration into original patterns of thought in depth psychology and/or mythology.
- Finalists will be judged on quality of composition and development, clarity of thought, and originality of ideas within these fields.
- Additionally, explorations into the archival collections at OPUS must be a core element of the overall research.

### 3) Timeline

Maximum one (1) page containing a timeline of your dissertation work including:

- The start date and expected completion of your dissertation
- An anticipated schedule of research in the Archives between April 12, 2021 and April 11, 2022 (for each 20-hour component, totaling 40 hours).

Please note that appointments in the Archives are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Days and Hours may be subject to change.)

*Supporting Documents:*

### 4) Curriculum Vitae

### 5) Approved Concept paper and/or first chapter of dissertation

Your Applicant Information, Proposal, Timeline, and Supporting Documents must be submitted together in one email and be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on January 15, 2021. OPUS will acknowledge the receipt of complete applications by email. Please submit your application and any questions to [cddf@opusarchives.org](mailto:cddf@opusarchives.org).

*Sealed Documents:*

### 6) Graduate School Transcript

Submit an official sealed transcript from your institution. Official transcripts should be mailed to OPUS Archives at the address below. *Faxed and emailed transcripts will not be accepted.* Your official transcript must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on January 15, 2021.

Sealed transcripts should be mailed to:

OPUS Archives, Attn: CDDF  
PO Box 1078, Carpinteria, CA 93014

### 7) Letters of Recommendation (LOR)

Two (2) confidential letters of recommendation – one from your dissertation Chair and the other from an individual who is qualified to judge your dissertation and research proposal. The LORs should address why the dissertation project is important and why the student is qualified to do the project. Referees should mail your LORs directly to the address below. *Faxed and emailed letters will not be accepted.* Your LORs must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on January 15, 2021.

Letters should be mailed by the referees to:

OPUS Archives, Attn: CDDF  
PO Box 1078, Carpinteria, CA 93014

**Award Announcement:** The award will be announced by March 31, 2021.  
The fellowship awardee and their dissertation project will be acknowledged in OPUS publicity.

**Final Research:** All Fellows are asked to submit a copy of their dissertation to OPUS when completed.

**Summary of Important Dates:**

- **Deadline:** January 15, 2021 for all seven (7) components
- **Award Notification:** March 31, 2021
- **Research Period:** April 12, 2021 through April 11, 2022

*OPUS Archives and Research Center is a non-profit research center that houses collections of Joseph Campbell, Marija Gimbutas, James Hillman, Jane and Joseph Wheelwright, Christine Downing, Marion Woodman, Adolf Guggenbühl-Craig, and Katie Sanford, among others. In addition to safeguarding these important resources, OPUS works to foster ongoing research in the fields of depth psychology and mythological studies.*

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OPUS Archives and Administrative offices are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 5:00pm

**Due to covid-19, it is anticipated that the campus will remain closed at least through December 2020.**