The Animals & Society Institute (ASI) and the Center for Advanced Study (CAS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invite applications for the second annual Human-Animal Studies Summer Institute program for advanced graduate students and early career scholars pursuing research in Human-Animal Studies to work on their dissertations or publications at the CAS for one intensive week. The theme of the institute is Animal Studies Across the Disciplines and the program runs from Sunday, July 8 through Saturday, July 14, 2018.

The Institute is designed to support 25-30 participants’ individual research in Human-Animal Studies as well as to promote interdisciplinary exchange. The program offers a shared space of critical inquiry that brings the participants’ work-in-progress to the attention of a network of influential HAS scholars, and provides the participants with the guidance and feedback to develop their work. At the heart of the program are daily plenary lectures by distinguished speakers and daily seminars devoted to discussion of participants’ work. These will be complemented by special workshops and field trips to on- and off-campus locations which highlight different aspects of the human-animal relationship. Participants should expect a stimulating intellectual environment reflecting a diversity of approaches, projects, disciplinary backgrounds, and ethical positions on animal issues. All fellows must be in continuous residence for the duration of the program.

The Institute is directed by Jane Desmond (University of Illinois, Resident Director), Kim Marra (University of Iowa), Margo DeMello (ASI), and Kenneth Shapiro (ASI). The plenary lecture schedule includes the following:

- Kim TallBear (University of Alberta)
- Barbara J. King (College of William and Mary)
- Holly Hughes (University of Michigan)
- Bill Lynn (Clark University and NewKnowledge)
- Chris Green (Harvard Law School)
- Yuka Suzuki (Bard College)

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

Tuition and Other Fees

The tuition fee for the Institute (which covers registration, housing, library access, special events, receptions, and seminars) is $800. In addition, participants may choose to buy meals through campus dining services, or eat at on- or off-campus restaurants. We encourage applicants to seek funding from their Universities to cover expenses, and once accepted can supply documentation of acceptance to assist them in doing so.

Eligibility

Applicants must (1) be doctoral students at the dissertation stage or early career scholars no more than four years past the PhD or other terminal degree such as MSW, DVM, or JD; (2) have a commitment to advancing research in Human-Animal Studies; and (3) submit a follow-up report six months after the program’s completion. Applications are encouraged from the social sciences, humanities, arts and natural sciences, as long as a part of the project explicitly deals with the human-animal relationship.

Full application details can be found at: