

Call for Project Proposals for the Fondren Fellows Program July 2019

Fondren Library invites Rice faculty and library staff to propose and mentor projects for students to undertake through its [Fondren Fellows](#) program. This program funds Rice undergraduate or graduate students to work on research or educational projects that will benefit the library and the scholarly community. Fellows are paid \$15 an hour for up to 200 hours of work. Projects should take place between fall 2019 and summer 2020. Fondren Fellows projects should:

- pose a research question or design challenge and present opportunities for inquiry and creativity
- balance complexity and feasibility, so that the fellow could complete the project or a coherent part of the project in a semester
- involve the library as a focus or partner, such as by organizing and describing a collection, creating a training program on accessing and managing information, developing a digital scholarship or publishing project, studying potential approaches to open science at Rice, etc.
- include a library staff member as a mentor or liaison (the Fondren Fellows steering committee can assist in linking faculty with liaisons)

[Examples](#) of past Fondren Fellows projects include:

- Advising the library on how best to assist researchers with sharing their research data
- Creating an interactive map to increase the accessibility of the Woodson's U.S. Civil War collections
- Examining the suitability of non-conventional student workstations such as FitDesks and standing desks for Fondren

With the resources available this year, we anticipate being able to fund up to six total Fellows; projects can expect to have no more than two Fellows assigned to them.

What Is Expected of Mentors

By proposing a project, project mentors agree to:

- Participate in a brief orientation to the program.
- Help interview prospective fellows interested in the project.
- Mentor the fellow by overseeing the development of a project plan, monitoring the student's progress, and providing guidance throughout the project.
- Evaluate the student's work mid-way through and at the end of the fellowship.
- Coordinate with the Fondren Fellows Steering Committee.
- Provide feedback on the program.

Fondren will provide funding for student fellows, program oversight and coordination, and logistical support. A review panel will select possible projects for the Fondren Fellows program; not all selected projects will necessarily be matched with Fellows.

Application Instructions

Please send in your project proposal (see below) to lspiro@rice.edu by *August 8, 2019* at 12 p.m. Contact Lisa Spiro with any questions at lspiro@rice.edu.

Fondren Fellows Project Proposal

Name:

Department:

Email:

Phone:

Project Title:

When would project work take place: in the fall of 2019, spring of 2020, or summer of 2020?

1. Please provide a brief (up to 500 word) summary of the proposed project, explaining why it is suitable for the Fondren Fellows program.
2. Outline the key tasks that the Fondren Fellow would work on.
3. What qualifications would you expect from students working on this project?
4. What would students learn through their participation in this project?
5. If you don't work in Fondren Library, please note who you would like to serve as the library liaison for your project. (If you don't know, just write TBD.)