

# UNIVERSITY *of* INDIANAPOLIS®

## The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts

The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts supports, during the course of their graduate education, exceptionally well qualified Protestant and Catholic young men and women who have bachelor's degrees from Lilly Fellows Program institutions and who are interested in becoming teacher-scholars at church-related colleges and universities in the United States.

### The Three Year Program

Each year, the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program selects a cohort of 15 fellows who are entering Ph.D. or equivalent graduate programs in humanities and arts at schools of their choosing. The 2010-2013 Lilly Graduate Fellows will enter graduate school in the fall, 2010. Over a three year period, these fellows, along with two senior mentors, will communicate and collaborate with each other in areas of research, teaching, and professional development. The 2010-2013 program will conclude in the fall, 2013, with the introduction of the Graduate Fellows to representatives of the Lilly Fellows Program National Network at the [Network's annual national conference](#). More specifically, Lilly Graduate Fellows will participate in the following programmatic objectives

- Lilly Graduate Fellows attend 4 conferences over the course of three years. These conferences allow Fellows to collaborate with each other and with senior scholars and luminaries who integrate research, teaching, vocation, and an interest in Protestant and Catholic higher education.
- Lilly Graduate Fellows will develop a relationship with two mentors who are senior scholars at a Lilly Fellows Program Network School.
- Lilly Graduate Fellows and mentors participate in group readings and online discussions over the course of the three year program.
- Lilly Graduate Fellows will receive 3 annual \$3,000 stipends for use at the Fellows' discretion.

### Eligibility:

Open to seniors graduating during the 2009-2010 academic year, or to *anyone having received a baccalaureate from the University of Indianapolis or other Lilly Fellows in Humanities and the Arts network institutions after April 2005*. In addition to earning a baccalaureate degree, nominees *must be U.S. citizens and must have been accepted into a Ph.D., M.F.A., Th.D., or equivalent program \* by June 1, 2010*. Finalists must attend an Interview Conference on April 16-18, 2010. Fellows must attend an Inaugural Conference on August 2-5, 2010. The Lilly Graduate Fellows Program will cover expenses for these events. *(Please see reverse side.)*

*\*Eligible disciplines of study are: art; art history; creative writing; history; interdisciplinary studies; languages and literatures; music; music history; philosophy; religion; rhetoric; theatre history; and theater arts.*

## University of Indianapolis Nomination/Selection Process and Deadlines

- Nov. 2, 2009            Each University of Indianapolis applicant will submit a personal statement, 750 to 1000 words in length, to Dr. Michael Cartwright, Dean of Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs (SC 203-A). See guidelines for personal statement below. Students should also request two letters of recommendation from UIndy faculty. At least one of these letters should address the student's vocational commitment. Letters must be submitted to Dean Cartwright no later than Mon. Nov. 2, 2009.
- Nov. 9, 2009            Up to five semi-finalists will be announced by the campus committee.
- Nov. 12-18, 2009        Up to five semi-finalists will be interviewed by the campus committee.
- Nov. 20, 2009            Up to three campus nominees will be announced.
- January 15, 2010        Deadline for online application to the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program.

- **Personal statement:** Indicate why you are applying for this fellowship as well as your thoughts and interests about the possibility of teaching at a church-related college or university like the University of Indianapolis. Should you be awarded this fellowship, you are under no obligation to obtain your graduate degree or teach at a church-related college or university, but it is the intention of this fellowship that you explore the nature of church-related higher education and explore the possibility of teaching at such an institution.
  
- **Undergraduate transcript**
  
- **GRE Scores**
  
- **List of graduate institutions and programs to which you are applying**
  
- **Two letters of recommendation**

April 16-18, 2010        National finalists will be interviewed in Indianapolis. Expenses for this interview will be paid by the program.

Final selection of the Lilly Graduate Fellows will be made by selection committee and Lilly Fellows Program staff. Fifteen graduate fellowships will be awarded to selected students who enroll in appropriate terminal degree programs in fall 2010. Information about the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program, including an online application, is available at the Lilly Fellows website at [www.lillyfellows.org/graduate\\_fellows\\_program](http://www.lillyfellows.org/graduate_fellows_program).

**Please note:** This form has been adapted from the schedule and format used by Christ Honors College at Valparaiso University. We are grateful to Associate Dean Margaret Franson of Christ College for permitting us to use this material.