THE SOCIETY FOR DISABILITY STUDIES
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE

AFFILIATED SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Society for Disability Studies is pleased to announce a program that will provide independent or unaffiliated scholars, artists, and activists who are currently members of SDS to affiliate with The University at Buffalo (UB) and its Center for Disability Studies (CDS)

(http://disabilitystudies.buffalo.edu/index.php)

for one academic year (July 1-June 30). Affiliated scholars/artists/activists will have both on-campus and remote access to the UB library system and Center resources for use in disability studies/SDS related activities. Affiliated scholars/artists/activists will also have the opportunity to make a public presentation of their work on the UB campus. The public presentation will be planned in consultation with Mike Rembis, Director of the Center for Disability Studies and will occur during the academic school year. SDS, AHEAD, and the UBCDS will pay travel expenses and a modest honorarium.

The SDS Affiliated Scholar will also receive one complimentary registration to one annual SDS meeting to present their work. The Affiliated Scholar is also eligible to apply for limited travel support to attend SDS.

This is a competitive program open to all SDS members without institutional affiliation and/or current access to a research library.

SDS may appoint a maximum of one scholar per year.

To apply, please send:

1. Copy of your CV or equivalent biographical statement
2. A personal statement (max 2 pp.) outlining why you would like to be an SDS Affiliated Scholar and how this will benefit both you personally and the disability studies community more broadly.
3. A description of the project and/or body of work that you intend to pursue during your time as an SDS Affiliated Scholar (max 2 pp.). Please include information about the significance of this work for both you and for the disability studies community.
4. A timeline (max. 1 p.), of the work proposed.

Application Deadline:

All materials must be received by February 15, 2013 in order to be considered for affiliation in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Affiliated Scholar will receive:

The University at Buffalo (UB) LIBRARY PRIVILEGES:
1. On-campus and remote access to UB library resources for use with SDS and project-related activities.
2. Document delivery services through the University at Buffalo (UB) Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery department, including scanning and electronic delivery of journal articles that UB has in print as well those obtained from other libraries.
3. UB book borrowing privileges for scholars who are located in WNY.
4. Use of UB Reference services by web.
5. A mentor for general disability studies research; affiliated scholars should be prepared to seek out a more specialized mentor who is willing to advise via Skype, phone, or email.

Other benefits include:
1. Use of the title, “SDS Affiliated Scholar”
2. UBCDS letterhead/envelopes for job applications and other SDS-related professional activities
3. Complimentary registration to one SDS annual conference, where the Scholar can present work-in-progress
4. Eligibility for limited travel support to attend SDS.
5. The opportunity to present a public lecture at the host institution (expenses paid by the Affiliated Scholar Program).

The Affiliated Scholar is expected to:

1. Contribute to the field of disability studies. The project the participant pursues should make a contribution and help to grow the field of disability and SDS.
2. Seek out and gain acknowledgment from a mentor/advisor in their field of expertise who will act as a remote advisor via e-mail, telephone, and Skype. (The UB CDS Director, Mike Rembis, will act as a general advisor and liaison for the affiliated scholar during their affiliation with UB.)
3. Draft annual end-of-year report for SDS which provides individual status-updates and feedback about the program (max 2 pages).
4. Give a public lecture at the host institution (expenses paid by the ASP program)
5. Present work-in-progress at the annual SDS conference

One’s ability to reapply for the “scholars” program will be based on the complexity of the proposed project and one’s progress and competency during their tenure as an affiliated scholar. Projects lasting longer than one year must be renewed annually by the Board of SDS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO APPLY CONTACT:

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