For over four decades, the Resident Scholar Programs at the School for Advanced Research have nourished the scholarly spirit by inspiring intellectual risk-taking and advancing academic inquiry in social science fields. Awarded annually, the nine-month appointments (September 1–May 31) provide a selection of scholars who have completed their research with the time, space, and collaborative support needed to prepare manuscripts or dissertations on topics important to the understanding of humankind. Resident scholars may approach research from the perspective of anthropology or from related fields such as history and sociology.

“SAR continues to rethink anthropology for the future.”
RESIDENT SCHOLAR PROGRAMS

“The fellowship gave me an opportunity to jump-start a project that I’m continuing to this day. It provided me with an opportunity to immerse myself in this new project. . . . Having the intense interactions with people on a daily basis and with a relatively small group of people allowed us to create a kind of intimacy. I’m proud that I found I could contribute collaboratively in ways that I hadn’t considered before.”

—Lynn Morgan, 2009–2010 Weatherhead Resident Scholar

About the School for Advanced Research

FOUNDED IN 1907, the School for Advanced Research (SAR) is one of North America’s preeminent independent institutes for the study of anthropology, related social sciences, and humanities. SAR is home to the Indian Arts Research Center, one of the nation’s most important Southwest Native American art research collections. Through prestigious scholar residency and artist fellowship programs, public programs, and SAR Press, SAR advances intellectual inquiry in order to better understand humankind in an increasingly global and interconnected world.
“[While at SAR] I wrote most of my second book. After that book was drafted, I won the MacArthur Fellowship. That second manuscript was key to making my work more visible at that level.”
—Tiya Miles, 2007–2008 School for Advanced Research Resident Scholar

RESIDENT SCHOLAR PROGRAMS

The resident scholar selection process is guided by SAR’s long-standing commitment to supporting research that advances knowledge about human culture, evolution, history, and creative expression.

Housed on the historic campus in Santa Fe, New Mexico, resident scholars are provided with the opportunity to develop their work in a unique learning environment that combines solitude and freedom from institutional responsibilities with the lively exchange of ideas. Fellows who complete a residency become part of an alumni network of scholars in over thirty countries who have received prestigious academic appointments and other influential roles.

Resident scholars are provided with an office, low-cost housing, a stipend (amount varies according to award), library assistance, and other benefits.

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When to Apply
Applications are due annually by the first Monday in November for appointments starting the following September. Awards are announced in April.

How to Apply
Submit online at sarsf.info/scholarapplication
Application period opens annually on September 1 and requires:

- An abstract
- A proposal
- A bibliography
- A curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation

SAR evaluates applications via a specially convened panel representing a broad spectrum of intellectual expertise. The composition of the panel changes each year.
SCHOLAR APPOINTMENTS

Weatherhead Fellowship
Fellowship supports scholars in anthropology, the humanities, or social sciences with doctorates who plan to write a book or PhD candidates who plan to write their dissertations.

Katrin H. Lamon Fellowship
Fellowship supports a Native scholar in the humanities or the social sciences with a doctorate planning to write a book or a PhD candidate writing a dissertation.

Anne Ray Fellowship
Fellowship supports a Native scholar with an MA or PhD in the arts, humanities, or social sciences who is working on a writing or curatorial project. This appointment serves as a mentor to interns (recent graduates or graduate students) working at the Indian Arts Research Center at SAR and must demonstrate a commitment to providing mentorship.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Latino Studies
Fellowships support scholars in Latino studies who, at the application deadline, are at an assistant professor level or who have completed all but their dissertation toward a PhD in anthropology, history, sociology, religious studies, Latino/Chicano studies, cultural studies, or in an interdisciplinary field that incorporates two or more of these disciplines.