Class of 2020-21
Terms of Fellowship

Congratulations on being selected for the 2020-21 class at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University.

The Center is above all a collaborative environment. Our goal is to bring the disciplines into contact with each other—to broaden scholars beyond their specialized training. This cannot happen without the day-to-day interaction of fellows throughout the year. Our staff can facilitate this interaction, but ultimately our goal will only be achieved through your participation.

We will make few demands on you during the year, but your signature on your Appointment Agreement should indicate your commitment to being part of our collaborative environment in general and, more specifically, to the following terms.

Please send a signed copy of your Appointment Agreement to Ting Liu, Fellowship Program Coordinator, by Friday, February 21, 2020. E-mail: casbs-fellowships@stanford.edu, fax: 650-736-0221, or regular mail: CASBS, 75 Alta Road, Stanford, CA 94305.

EXTERNAL COMMITMENTS
Fellows may not hold a concurrent teaching appointment or have commitments, including research or collaborations that result in prolonged or frequent absences from the Center. We ask you to limit your travel to the absolutely essential for the fellowship year. We stand ready to help you fend off invitations that detract from or interfere with your CASBS fellowship by communicating our policy to the person extending an invitation. We recognize that you may need to be away from time to time for brief periods (i.e. a few days or even an entire week); such absences pose no particular problems, as long as you are present for lunch at least three to four days a week.

RESIDENCE
CASBS is committed to the concept of a residential fellowship, and consequently, you must reside locally during the term of your fellowship in a community within fifteen (15) miles of the Center. San Francisco, Berkeley, the East Bay, and San Jose, for example, do not fulfill this requirement.

LENGTH OF FELLOWSHIP
Fellows can begin arriving on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. All fellows must be at the Center in time for orientation activities which begin at noon on Thursday, September 3, 2020. We expect fellows to be in residence through May 28, 2021, although you are welcome to stay through June 30, 2021. We ask that you clear your calendar for the
first week of the fellowship year, from September 3, 2020 through September 9, 2020, as you will have mandatory events to attend, including orientation and fellow introduction sessions. (Please note that the Center will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7, 2020.)

WEEKLY SEMINARS
The weekly seminar consists of one fellow who makes a brief presentation that encourages discussion and will benefit from interdisciplinary feedback. These seminars stimulate questions and conversations that extend well beyond the formal discussion period. We expect that you will present some aspect of your research during at least one weekly seminar in the course of the year. The seminars take place every Wednesday and also on one Monday each month from September-May. A firm schedule of these events cannot be finalized until mid-September, but please block Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm on your calendar. Although we recognize that you may have an occasional schedule conflict, we otherwise expect you to attend all of these events.

LUNCH
Having lunch with your Center colleagues is a long-standing tradition at the Center and is an important venue for scholarly exchange. We expect fellows to have lunch at the Center on a regular basis, averaging three to four days a week. You are welcome to have other colleagues join you for lunch.

SOCIAL EVENTS
The Center will host a number of social events, especially early in the year, which provide opportunities for fellows and their families to become acquainted with one another. Some level of participation in social events is expected.

YEAR-END REPORT
Prior to leaving the Center, we will ask you to provide a report on your fellowship year. The information you provide will give us valuable feedback on our program and the effectiveness of the services we provide. In the future, we may contact you to survey the effect of your fellowship year on your scholarship and any collaborative relationships that may have developed during the year.

STIPENDS
Fellows receive their stipends directly; we do not have the ability to assign stipends to your home institution. Stipend checks are distributed by the end of each month beginning in September and paid out over nine months for a full fellowship year. If for any reason you are unable to fulfill the terms of your CASBS Fellowship Agreement, the Center has the right to reduce or terminate stipend payments.