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George Stuart Resident Scholar Call for Proposals

The Boundary End Archaeology Research Center (BEARC) is inviting candidates to apply for a Spring residency in the George Stuart Residential Scholar (GSRS) program for the academic semester, which runs from January 15 to May 15, 2024.

BEARC is a research center and residential library located in Barnardsville, North Carolina, a 25-minute drive from Asheville and a 2-minute walk from the Big Ivy Section of the Pisgah National Forest.

BEARC is dedicated to the study of the ancient Americas with foci on Mesoamerica, the Andes, and the Southeastern U.S.A. Its sizable library collection (of 10,000+ books, periodicals, and miscellaneous publications) is dedicated to archaeology, linguistics, art history, history, ethnohistory, and ethnology of those world areas. The ideal candidate for the GSRS program:

- studies in one of our academic fields and regions of study (see above).
- is either (1) a graduate student at the writing stage of their thesis/dissertation or (2) a researcher seeking to complete writing projects such as postdoctoral research, monographs, articles, or book chapters.
- is seeking a peaceful and quiet setting away from most distractions for finishing up their writing project(s).
- is autonomous, ready to live in a rural area, and preferably owns or has access to a vehicle due to the remote location of BEARC in relation to the cities of Weaverville and Asheville.
- is well-organized, willing to contribute to BEARC's activities (see below), and is committed to expanding upon George Stuart's legacy of social science and educational outreach.

This residential scholarship offers free comfortable amenities (in a three bedroom, two bathroom bungalow) and unlimited access to all the resources of the George Stuart Residential Library. Boundary End is a uniquely beautiful office and work environment. No stipend is attached to the position. Usually, one GSRS serves at a time for reasons of space and privacy; however, couples are welcome to apply. If applying jointly, two distinct applications should be sent, but please note in both cover letters that they are being submitted jointly. Spouses and/or dependents who are not applying for a GSRS can be accommodated in the lodging provided on the grounds, and any spouses/dependents should be mentioned in the cover letter). All candidates should be proficient in English, but we welcome candidates whose primary or research language is not English, such as Spanish.



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Residential scholars will have a set of BEARC-related responsibilities amounting to 5-10 hours of weekly work. Their responsibilities may include:

- contributing to the organization and cataloging of our library resources. This involves working individually or with volunteers.
- helping with the limited daily operations of the center. This involves basic mail, email, social media, website management, and occasional minor physical work.
- building upon George Stuart's educational outreach legacy by pursuing local public lecture opportunities, helping with the organization of workshops and other public-facing BEARC activities, and maintaining a reasonable open-door policy for other members of the research center and for occasional visitors (M-F, 9am-5pm).
- being willing to share the working space with an occasional short-term Visiting Scholar.

To apply, candidates should send a C.V. and a 1-2-page cover letter outlining: (1) their proposed project; (2) their fit as a GSRS; (3) how they would use the BEARC resources. Combine both items into a single PDF and email it (or any questions) to boundaryendcenter@gmail.com by November 18, 2023. Review of applications will begin on November 19.