

## Call for 2010-11 Mellon Sawyer Fellowship - Rupture and Flow: The Circulation of Technoscientific Facts and Objects

**Grantor:** Sawyer Seminar/Institute of Advanced Study at Indiana University

**Closes:** 3/1/2010

**Maximum:** \$40,000.00

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Receipt deadline: March 1, 2010

The Sawyer Seminar and the Institute of Advanced Study at Indiana University will award one Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Postdoctoral Fellowships for a one-year appointment beginning July 1, 2010. The Fellow will receive a stipend of \$40,000 per year, as well as health insurance and an allowance for relocation. This Sawyer Seminar is based in science and technology studies and focuses specifically on how facts and technologies circulate among diverse communities of producers and consumers, acquiring or losing credibility and utility as they move. We will explore questions including: How has the treatment of failure and errors changed the practice of science across disciplines and over time? How and why do cultural, social and material forces interrupt or thwart the circulation of technoscientific knowledge and objects, and with what consequences for what kinds of communities? How do social, cultural, political, and legal barriers influence technological change historically and geographically? How is the increasing use of lay-produced science shifting what is acknowledged and implemented in scientific practice and policy? Applicants for this postdoctoral fellowship must have research projects that speak to the concerns raised by the circulation of technoscientific knowledge and objects, and the possibilities and consequences of interrupting, reorienting, or preventing this circulation. Besides pursuing his or her own research, the fellowship recipient will play an active role in the intellectual life of the Sawyer Seminar by helping to organize an ongoing seminar series and four workshops. There will be no teaching responsibilities.

### Selection Process

Each proposal will be evaluated by the conveners of the Sawyer Seminar, an interdisciplinary group of IU faculty. The primary evaluation criteria will be intellectual fit with the core ideas of the Seminar, and the promise of the proposed research project, including prospects for publication and significant advances in tangible research. We strongly recommend applicants read the full proposal, available at <http://sawyer.indiana.edu> before beginning their application. Applicants will be notified of fellowship decisions in May 2010.

### Requirements

Applicants should have completed the Ph.D. in STS, Sociology, Informatics, Geography, History, English, Anthropology, Philosophy, Comparative Literature, or other related fields no earlier than June 30, 2005 and no later than August 1, 2010. We require proof that the fellow has received a Ph.D. degree before taking up residence. Applicants are welcome to send paper copies by mail or delivery to -

Ivona Hedin, Institute for Advanced Study,

Poplars 335, 400 E. 7th Street , Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN 47405

The application should include:

- \* 1000-word research project proposal and one-page bibliography, in language appropriate for a multi- disciplinary panel. Please double-space and use 12-point type.
- \* 250-word statement of the project's potential contribution to Indiana University's Sawyer seminar
- \* Curriculum vitae
- \* Three letters of recommendation

Fellowship recipients cannot currently hold a tenure-track position.

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