

GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP

2027 Work Examples Requirements by Project Field

How to Determine Your Work Example Requirements

Whether work examples are required as part of your application depends on the field in which you are applying. Find your field in the table below to see what, if anything, you need to submit.

Key: Work Example Requirement Categories

● Not Accepted	Work examples should not be submitted.
● Optional	Work examples may be submitted digitally but are not required.
● Required — Digital Only	Work examples must be submitted in digital format only.
● Required — Digital + Physical	Work examples must be submitted in both digital and physical formats.
● Required — Digital (Physical Optional)	Digital work examples are required. Physical materials (such as prints, portfolios, or books) may also be submitted but are optional.
● Varies by Project Type	Requirements depend on the nature of the project. Interdisciplinary applications should follow the guidelines for the category most closely aligned with the proposed work (e.g., Creative Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, or Sciences).

Note: If it is unclear which category applies, applicants should contact the Foundation for guidance before submitting materials.

Project Field	Work Example Requirement
African Studies	● Optional
American Literature	● Optional
Anthropology & Cultural Studies	● Optional
Applied Mathematics	● Not Accepted
Architecture, Planning, & Design: History, Theory, & Criticism	● Optional
Art: History, Theory, & Criticism	● Optional
Asian Studies	● Optional
Astronomy-Astrophysics	● Not Accepted
Biography	● Optional
Biology	● Not Accepted
Chemistry	● Not Accepted
Choreography	● Required — Digital Only
Classics	● Optional
Climate Studies	● Varies by Project Type
Computer Science	● Not Accepted
Constitutional Studies	● Optional
Dance Studies	● Optional
Drama & Performance Art	● Required — Digital + Physical
Earth Science	● Not Accepted
Economics	● Optional
Education	● Optional

Engineering	● Not Accepted
English Literature	● Optional
European & Latin American History	● Optional
European & Latin American Literature	● Optional
Fiction	● Required — Digital + Physical
Film, Video, & New Media Studies	● Optional
Film-Video	● Required — Digital Only
Fine Arts	● Required — Digital Only
General Nonfiction	● Required — Digital + Physical
Geography & Environmental Studies	● Optional
History of Science, Technology, & Economics	● Optional
Indigenous Studies	● Varies by Project Type
Intellectual & Cultural History	● Optional
Law	● Optional
Linguistics	● Optional
Literary Criticism	● Optional
Mathematics	● Not Accepted
Medicine & Health	● Not Accepted
Medieval & Early Modern Studies	● Optional
Music Composition	● Required — Digital Only
Music: History, Theory, & Criticism	● Optional
Near Eastern Studies	● Optional

Neuroscience	● Not Accepted
Philosophy	● Optional
Photography	● Required — Digital (Physical Optional)
Physics	● Not Accepted
Poetry	● Required — Digital + Physical
Political Science	● Optional
Psychology	● Optional
Religion	● Optional
Science Writing	● Optional
Slavic Studies	● Optional
Sociology	● Optional
Theatre Arts & Performance Studies	● Optional
Translation	● Optional
U.S. History	● Optional

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