The Obermann Summer Seminar is an opportunity to lead a major collaborative project that will result in some form of publication or public work. The director(s) of the seminar must be a University of Iowa faculty member or research staff. The seminar can include approximately a dozen participants. The outcome should make a significant contribution to the fields of the participants, whether as a print or digital publication or in another form that promises real impact. Participants meet for a one- to three-week period of sustained interaction at the Obermann Center, usually between June 1 and July 30.

To Apply for an Obermann Summer Seminar Directorship

Send a letter describing your proposed topic for a Summer Seminar, including the topic’s importance, anticipated outcomes, and possible participants, as well as a short CV for each director to Neda Barrett, neda-barrett@uiowa.edu, in ONE single PDF file.

We welcome your inquiries as you prepare your application.
Eligibility

- One person may apply as director or 2-3 people may apply as co-directors; one co-director must be a UI faculty member.

- The directors must have a record of scholarship in the proposed area.

- Applicants can be UI tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty members, as well as P&S staff who possess a terminal degree or equivalent experience, but one director must be a faculty member.

- Individuals who have received this award in the last 4 years are not eligible for this competition.

Recent Summer Seminars:

- Get Ready Iowa: Partnering to Enhance the School Readiness of Iowa’s Children
  Directed by John Spencer, Psychology

- Walt Whitman International: Literary Translation and the Digital Archive
  Directed by Ed Folsom, English

- Third Language Acquisition: Developing a Research Base
  Directed by Suzanne Flynn, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, and Jason Rothman, Spanish & Portuguese

Award

We will make one award of up to $40,000.

The director or co-directors are selected by a group comprised of Obermann Center Advisory Board members and at least one previous Summer Seminar Director based on the promise of the proposed seminar.

To learn more about the Obermann Summer Seminars, go to: http://obermann.uiowa.edu

If you have questions, please contact Neda Barrett, neda-barrett@uiowa.edu or 319.335.4034