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George or Gene Stuart Resident Scholar Call for Proposals

The Boundary End Archaeology Research Center (BEARC) is seeking candidates to apply for Fall 2026 residencies in the **George Stuart Residential Scholar (GSRS)** or **Gene Stuart Residential Scholar (GESRS)** programs for the academic semester, which runs from August 31 to December 4, 2026.

BEARC is a research center and library with on-site residential spaces 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 a focus on Mesoamerica, the Andes, and the Southeastern US. Its sizable library collection (10,000+ books, periodicals, and miscellaneous publications) is dedicated to archaeology, linguistics, art history, history, ethnohistory, and ethnology of these world regions.

The ideal candidate for the GSRS program:

- conducts research in one of our areas of study and academic fields (see above).
- is either (1) a graduate student at the writing stage of their thesis/dissertation or (2) a researcher seeking to complete a writing project, such as postdoctoral research, a monograph, articles, or book chapters.
- is seeking a peaceful and quiet setting away from most distractions for advancing their writing project(s).
- is independent, 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 (an approximate 20-30 minute drive).
- is well-organized, willing to contribute to BEARC's activities (see below), and committed to expanding George Stuart's legacy of social science and educational outreach.

The ideal candidate for the GESRS program:

- studies or practices art, journalism, library and information sciences, and /or creative writing, with a deep interest in our 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, or 3) an artist working on a creative project.
- is seeking a peaceful and quiet setting away from most distractions for advancing on or completing their 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 committed to expanding Gene Stuart's legacy of social science and educational outreach.

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The residential scholarship offers **free comfortable amenities** (in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment located in the library) and unlimited **access to the George Stuart Residential Library resources**. Boundary End is a uniquely beautiful work environment with multipurpose and office spaces. **No stipend is attached to the position**. Usually, one GSRS or GESRS serves at a time for reasons of space and privacy; however, couples are welcome to apply. If applying jointly, please submit two separate applications, and please note in both cover letters that the submission is for a joint appointment. Spouses and/or dependents who are not applying for a residential scholarship can be accommodated in the provided lodging, and any spouses/dependents should also be mentioned in the cover letter.

Residential scholars will have a set of BEARC-related responsibilities amounting to 5-10 hours of weekly work. These 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 tasks, such as lifting or organizing books.
- building upon George Stuart's educational outreach legacy by providing a local public lecture(s), helping with the organization of workshops and/or other public-facing BEARC activities, and maintaining a reasonable open-door policy for the research center's community of interest and occasional visitors (M-F, 9am-5pm).
- being willing to share the working space on occasion with a short-term Visiting Scholar.

To apply, candidates should send a C.V. and a 1-2-page cover letter outlining: (1) the proposed project; (2) why they would be an ideal GSRS or GESRS; (3) how they would use the BEARC resources and facilities. Combine both items into a single PDF and email it (along with any questions) to info@boundaryend.com by **April 18, 2026**.