The Institute welcomes distinguished scholars with projects that are creative, innovative, or align with the intellectual orientation of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, as well as those who are beginning their careers with promise and have appropriate projects. Faculty from other institutions, researchers at national laboratories, fellows from other institutes, as well as faculty and graduate students from Notre Dame are all invited to apply.

Fellows will spend from three weeks to a full academic year in residence at the University of Notre Dame. Initially, the Institute will welcome five to eight fellows and up to two graduate students. The Institute will eventually support up to twenty fellows and five graduate students annually. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2009, for the 2010–11 academic year. Announcement of awards will be made by March 31, 2010.

Applications must include the following:

• research proposal, including a statement of how the proposed research aligns with the intellectual parameters of the Institute
• current curriculum vitae
• three letters of reference

Letters of reference may be waived for distinguished applicants.

In some instances, the Institute may initiate an invitation to a select scholar or group of scholars who work on an area of pressing concern to the University, the academy, or the world. The Institute will also seek our scholars and identify problems and issues that would benefit from collaboration or from the rethinking of a discipline or disciplinary approach.

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What is the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study?

The Institute has an open agenda, permitting scholars to pursue outstanding research in all areas. Its two interrelated emphases are intended to help shape discourse and discovery at Notre Dame and within the academy.

- First, the Institute encourages fellows to reflect on the broad questions that link multiple areas of inquiry — questions that often escape scholars enmeshed in the everyday and sometimes specialized practices of their discipline.

- Second, the Institute offers artists, professionals, scholars, and scientists an opportunity to explore the relationship between the descriptive (the world as it is) and the normative (the world as it ought to be).

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study supports research that is directed toward, or extends inquiry to include, ultimate questions and questions of value, especially as they engage the Catholic intellectual tradition.

All fellows are encouraged to include questions of value in their analyses and to examine how their findings might advance civilization. The Institute offers researchers the opportunity to engage not only in analysis but also in evaluating what should be done, to analyze the world in careful ways, and to think through the implications of present behavior for the future of the world.

The Institute will cultivate the contemplative ideal that is an essential factor in both the Catholic intellectual tradition and the progression of scholarship. Religious identity and the values associated with faith traditions continue to shape individual and social consciousness. Through the Institute for Advanced Study, the University of Notre Dame will explore with the academy profound questions, including the role and relevance of religion in the modern world. The greatest advances do not occur in solitude, but in the company of others who share a passion for advancement and are open to dialogue and collaboration.

A conference on the topic of Beauty is planned for January 21-23, 2010, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Leading experts from multiple disciplines will be brought together to approach this elusive topic from many different perspectives.