



## BOUNDARY END CENTER

1 Walker Creek Road, Barnardsville, NC 28709

### Call for Applications 2020-2021 George Stuart Residential Scholar(s)

The Boundary End Center (BEC) is seeking candidates to become the 2020-21 George Stuart Residential Scholars for the 2020-21 academic year. BEC accepts candidates for either one or two semester-long residencies. The Fall residency spans September 1-December 30. The Spring residency spans January 1-May 30. Summer residencies (June 1-August 30) are also possible.

BEC is a research center and residential library located in Barnardsville, NC, a 25-min drive from Asheville and a 2-min walk from the Big Ivy Section of the Pisgah National Forest. BEC is dedicated to the study of the Ancient Americas, especially Mesoamerica, the Andes, and the Southeastern U.S.A. Its sizable library collection (of 10,000+ books, periodicals, and miscellaneous publications) is mostly dedicated to the archaeology, linguistics, art-history, history, ethnohistory, and ethnology of those world areas. Residential scholars should be related to one of those fields and world areas.

The residential scholar(s) will get free amenities (including a private bedroom) in the newly renovated residential library, a uniquely beautifully located office and work environment, along with access to all the resources of the library. No stipend is attached to the position; however, there are opportunities for teaching courses for local universities (UNC-Asheville and Warren Wilson College). Residential scholars will need a car. Residential scholars will have a set of responsibilities which amount to 5-10 hours of weekly work:

- 1) To contribute to the organization and cataloging of the BEC library resources. This involves working with volunteers one day a week.
- 2) To help with the limited, daily operations of BEC. This involves basic mail, email, social media, and Website management activities.
- 3) To build upon George Stuart's public outreach legacy. This involves pursuing public lectures in Western NC, helping with the organization of workshops and other activities at BEC, and keeping an open-door policy for visitors and short-term visiting scholars.

Prioritized applicants will either be Ph.D. or M.A./M.Sc. candidates working on their thesis/dissertation or professors at any level in their career and in need of a writing retreat. All applicants should have good organizational skills and a predilection for or a strong interest in public outreach. To apply, candidates should send a 1-2 page cover letter explaining why they would like to join BEC and for which semesters they are applying, along with a C.V., by March 13, midnight. Send both items as a single PDF (or any questions) to [boundaryendcenter@gmail.com](mailto:boundaryendcenter@gmail.com). Review of applications will begin on March 14.

