

Call for Volume Proposals

How to Be a Humanist

What does it mean to practice the humanities today? How do we become humanists, and what does it mean to be one in the twenty-first century?

The *How to Be a Humanist* book series at the University of Delaware Press invites proposals for edited volumes exploring the possibilities of humanistic inquiry in the twenty-first century. The series provides a forum for humanists working both within and beyond the university to reflect on their craft and consider how the changing conditions of humanistic work are reshaping their practices. Combining theoretical reflection with practical insight, each volume brings together short, accessible essays by multiple contributors focused on a shared theme.

The first three volumes in the series are *How to Be an Early Modernist*, *How to Be a Global Humanist*, and *How to Be a Humanist in the Age of AI*. Following this model, we invite prospective editors to imagine new volumes in the *How to Be a...* format. What kinds of humanists do we need today, and what forms might humanistic practice take?

We welcome proposals that explore disciplinary identities, intellectual practices, professional experiences, and the changing conditions of humanistic work. Topics might address research and teaching, public-facing humanities work, collaboration across disciplines and institutions, new technologies, or the institutional and ethical questions shaping humanistic inquiry. We particularly encourage collections that bring together diverse perspectives and combine intellectual substance with an engaging, accessible style.

Proposing a Volume

We invite prospective editors, including editorial teams, to submit a brief proposal outlining:

- A working title following the *How to Be a ...* format and a description of the volume's central theme and aims
- Its relevance to the series and its intended readership
- A preliminary outline of potential essay topics and sections, along with prospective contributors, if known
- CVs for each of the proposed editors

Proposals need not include a finalized table of contents or confirmed contributors.

For more information, please visit <https://udpress.udel.edu/book-series/how-to-be/>

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Proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.