

RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY RESEARCH PROJECT FELLOWSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline to apply: October 21st, 2016

As part of its Initiative on Cultural Power in International Relations, the European Institute announces the **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Research Project Fellowships**.

Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty served as a key part of the American cultural strategy to win the “hearts and minds” of people during the Cold War. Engaging hundreds of exiles to report on events taking place behind the Iron Curtain, RFE/RL reached millions of listeners throughout Eastern, Central Europe, and Russia with news about political uprisings, party coups, environmental disasters, as well as everyday life. The RFE/RL Research Project focuses on the history of Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty, and may also include other projects during the Cold War related to cultural diplomacy.

The European Institute’s RFE/RL Research Project will offer up to six Columbia students the opportunity to conduct original archival research on the history of culture and the Cold War. Those interested in public diplomacy, journalistic history, the Cold War, and the evolution of modern Europe will find abundant resources for productive investigations at archives they will visit with the group. Fellows work as a unit when in the archives and are expected to demonstrate both independent thought and scholarly collaboration. The goal of the project is for fellows to present their research at a conference at Columbia in Spring 2018, and publish peer-reviewed scholarly journal articles. For more information about the project please visit [our Funding page](#).

Advanced undergraduate and graduate students at Columbia University may apply.

The fellowships will cover travel and accommodation for the research field sessions and support students’ participation in the following activities:

- Field research: Students will conduct field research at either or both of the following sites:
 - The National Archives (NARA) in College Park, Maryland: January 9th -13th, 2017;
 - The Open Society Archives (OSA) in Budapest: May 28th – June 8th, 2017;
- Additionally, interested students will also have the opportunity to apply for a third research session at archives in Europe or in the US, happening before September 2017.
- Paper presentations:
 - Cold War History Research Center, Corvinus University of Budapest, CEU, June 5th-7th, 2017.
 - Columbia University, Spring 2018

Applications must include:

- RFE/RL Research Project form;
- CV;
- Transcript;
- Personal statement: In one page, please describe your current studies at Columbia and how the RFE/RL Research Project will engage with your studies and long-term career goals. If you have a specific topic of interest, please describe it briefly. Please also specify if you intend to participate in both research sessions, or one session only.
- Optional faculty letter of recommendation;
- Optional writing sample (may include a seminar term paper or published work).

Priority will be given to students who apply to participate in both the NARA and OSA research sessions. Successful applicants will be contacted by the European Institute by October 28th, 2016.

Application forms may be found on the European Institute website at europe.columbia.edu/funding/. Submit completed applications by October 21st, 2016 to the Institute's Program Manager, Tess Drahman, at tess.drahman@columbia.edu or to the European Institute, room 1203 International Affairs Building, Columbia University.