

## COLD WAR ARCHIVES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Deadline to apply: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Accepting applications from: Columbia undergraduates (Columbia College, School of General Studies), Barnard undergraduates, and Columbia graduate students**

As part of its Initiative on Cultural Power in International Relations, the European Institute offers the **Cold War Archives Research (CWAR) Fellowship**. The fellowship gives students the opportunity to conduct archival research on the cultural history of the Cold War and develop original research papers based on their findings. Those interested in public and cultural diplomacy, journalistic history, and the engagement of modern Europe with other regions during the Cold War 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. After the conclusion of the research session, the students work on individual research papers. The goal of the project is for fellows to present their research at a conference at Columbia in Spring 2021 and publish peer-reviewed scholarly journal articles.

For more information about the project and to view interviews with past CWAR Fellows please visit [the CWAR Program page](#).

In Summer 2020, the CWAR Fellows will travel to Budapest, Hungary, in order to conduct archival research at the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA) and present their research at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Student Conference of the Cold War History Research Center.

The CWAR Fellowship will cover travel and accommodation. Fellows are also expected to apply for matching grant or fellowship funding, under the guidance of the CWAR faculty advisor, Prof. Victoria Phillips.

CWAR Fellows are required to participate in the following activities:

- CWAR Fellowship award & orientation meeting on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00pm at Columbia University (location TBC).
- Field research:
  - The Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA) in Budapest, Hungary: May 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Paper presentations:
  - 11th Annual International Student Conference of the Cold War History Research Center in Budapest, Hungary: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 (dates TBC).
  - Columbia University, Spring 2021.

## Applications must include:

- Cold War Archives Research Fellowship application form (appended)
- CV
- Transcript
- Personal statement (1-3 pages):
  - Describe your current studies at Columbia and how the Cold War Archives Research Fellowship will engage with your studies and long-term career goals.
  - Confirm your availability to participate in the full duration of the program.
  - Briefly describe a topic, question, or project that you will pursue at the Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives (OSA). Topic proposals **must include** a preliminary description of the collections to be used at OSA. You can reference the below:
    - [OSA Archives](#)
    - [OSA Fonds](#) (also linked on the above site)
    - \*Students who have questions about their research proposals and OSA resources can contact the CWAR faculty advisor, Prof. Victoria Phillips, at [lvb3@columbia.edu](mailto:lvb3@columbia.edu).
- Writing sample (may include a seminar term paper or published work)
- Optional faculty letter of recommendation

Successful applicants will be contacted by the European Institute by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, and will be able to accept the fellowship at the required program meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (2:00-4:00pm, location TBC).

The application form may also be found on the [CWAR Program website](#).

Submit completed applications by October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to the European Institute's Program Manager, Sharon Kim, at [kim.sharon@columbia.edu](mailto:kim.sharon@columbia.edu).



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Applications must include, in addition to this form: a CV; university transcript; a 1-3 page personal statement describing your current studies, how the CWAR Fellowship would augment your degree program, a proposed topic to pursue at the archive, and a preliminary description of relevant collections; and a writing sample (seminar paper or published work). You may also ask a faculty member to submit an optional recommendation letter.

Submit complete applications by October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to the European Institute's Program Manager, Sharon Kim, at [kim.sharon@columbia.edu](mailto:kim.sharon@columbia.edu).

*I am applying for the Cold War Archives Research Fellowship and confirm that I am available to participate in the full duration of the program events (check boxes below):*

- October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2:00-4:00pm: CWAR Fellowship award & orientation meeting (location TBC)
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Research at the Vera and Donald Blinken OSA, Budapest, Hungary
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (dates TBC): Conference at the Cold War History Research Center, Budapest, Hungary
- Spring 2021: Conference at Columbia University (confirming to the best of my knowledge)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UNI: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor or Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor (if applicable) or faculty contact: \_\_\_\_\_

*I acknowledge that all components of my application have been completed honestly and that an incomplete application will be rejected. I understand that if awarded, the fellowship is subject to conditions that will be specified in the award letter and that I will be expected to apply for matching funding under the guidance of the CWAR faculty advisor.*

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_