

## Call for Applications

### **German Kennedy Memorial Fellowship for Visiting Postdoctoral Scholars from the European Union**

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES)  
at Harvard University

**Application Deadline: December 15, 2017**

#### **Overview**

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship was established as an endowment in 1966 by German industrialists and the Government to support postdoctoral scholars from Germany for 10 months of residential research during the academic year at Harvard University's Center for European Studies (CES). **Last year, the fellowship was expanded to support one additional postdoctoral scholar from other European Union member states.** The fellowship provides a total stipend of \$60,000 for a 10-month residential research stay between September and June. The fellowship supports an EU scholar of exceptional promise and demonstrated achievement, who intends to pursue an academic career in Europe.

The fellow will join other visiting researchers at CES as part of the Visiting Scholars Program. The program offers postdoctoral social scientists and historians the opportunity to spend an academic year at Harvard University for independent research on Europe. Scholars benefit from the Center's programs on Europe and Harvard University's intellectually stimulating environment, additionally, they receive shared office space at the Center and gain access to the university's extensive library resources. Visiting Scholars attend a weekly seminar, where work-in-progress is presented to colleagues for feedback.

Candidates who are not selected for the Fellowship may choose to be considered to participate in the CES Visiting Scholars Program as a self-funded scholar.

#### **About the Center**

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) is the oldest university center devoted to the study of Europe in the United States. It is a vibrant, multidisciplinary community of individuals inspired by exploring Europe's history, politics, economics, culture and societies. Since its founding in 1969 at Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, CES has supported undergraduate and graduate research, teaching, and the hosting of public leaders and visiting scholars. It has trained generations of the world's leading scholars of Europe.

#### **Fields of Research**

CES considers candidates from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives including:

- Political Science
- Contemporary History
- Sociology
- Economics
- Political Economy
- Anthropology and other Social Sciences

## **Duration of Fellowship Program**

September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (10 months)

## **Fellowship Amount**

\$60,000 for 10 months

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of a European Union member state other than Germany. (*Candidates from Germany should apply for the Kennedy Fellowship for German nationals through a separate process directly to the DAAD by November 15, 2017. Please see below.\**)
- Pursue an independent project on modern Europe in the social sciences, including history.
- Possess a Ph.D. at the time of application. (Please note that applications from students in a degree program at the time of application submission will not be considered.)
- Have completed their Ph.D. degree no more than 8 years prior to the application and have a track record of academic publications.
- Commit to be in residence at CES for 10 months from September 2018 to June 2019; applicants may not hold concurrent appointments.
- Have excellent command of English.
- Preference is given to applicants who intend to pursue academic careers in Europe.

## **How to Apply**

The Kennedy Fellowship for scholars from European Union member states (other than Germany) is administered by CES. **Application materials must be submitted via the CES Visiting Scholars online application portal by December 15, 2017. Early applications are strongly encouraged.**

Applications are judged on the quality and significance of the proposed project and the applicant's record of achievement and promise. Applicants will be notified of the selection process results by March. All inquiries concerning the fellowship should be addressed to the CES Program Coordinator, Roumiana Theunissen ([rtheunissen@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:rtheunissen@fas.harvard.edu)).

Applications consist of the following supporting documents:

- Cover letter.
- Current curriculum vitae, not to exceed 5 pages.
- Title and a 5-page description of research or project to be carried out at CES.
- Abstract summarizing the research project (150 words maximum).
- In the case of non-native English speakers: TOEFL scores or a brief, signed letter from the applicant attesting to competency in spoken and written English.
- Three letters of recommendation (each letter should be 2 pages maximum).

\* **German Nationals:** Please note that the Kennedy Fellowship for postdoctoral scholars from Germany is administered through a separate application process by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). **German scholars must submit applications directly to the DAAD by November 15, 2017.** For more information and application guidelines, please review the DAAD's Call for Applications: [https://www.daad.de/medien/ausland/dokumente/ausschreibung\\_jfk\\_eng.pdf](https://www.daad.de/medien/ausland/dokumente/ausschreibung_jfk_eng.pdf).

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Applicants agree to disclose any additional funding awarded from external sources before, during or after the application process. CES reserves the right to revise the amount of the fellowship stipend awarded if the selected finalist receives additional external funding.
- Applicants who are not awarded a Kennedy Fellowship may choose to be considered to participate in the CES Visiting Scholars Program as a self-funded scholar using other external sources of funding such as sabbatical salary or grants from governments or private institutions.
- In any given year, dual citizens of Germany and another European Union member state should apply to either the fellowship for German scholars (administered by the DAAD) **or** the fellowship for EU scholars (administered by CES), but not both.

### **Additional Information**

- CES Visiting Scholars Program:  
<https://ces.fas.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellows/visiting-scholars>
- German Kennedy Memorial Fellowship (for EU Scholars):  
<https://ces.fas.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellows/jfk-fellows/kennedy-fellowship-eu-scholars>
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship (for German Scholars):  
<https://ces.fas.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellows/jfk-fellows/kennedy-fellowship-german-scholars>