UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM – Fall 2020

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
Deadline: March 6, 2020, 5:00pm

The mission of the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (CSRC) is to promote interdisciplinary research and education on dynamics of religion and conflict with the aim of advancing knowledge, seeking solutions, and informing policy. The Center is currently seeking ten highly motivated undergraduate students to participate in its innovative Undergraduate Research Fellows Program in the Fall 2020 semester. Students accepted into the program will work directly with a faculty mentor on current research projects involving religion and conflict, earn three credit hours by participating in and completing a special seminar with the director of the Center, meet with visiting scholars, attend special lectures, and qualify for a $1,000 scholarship.

The Undergraduate Research Fellows Program consists of two parts:

1. **Research Placement:** Students accepted into the program will be paired with a faculty mentor currently conducting research related to some aspect of religion and conflict during the Fall 2020 semester. Projects range across a variety of disciplines, types of conflict, and social, cultural, and political settings. Students will devote approximately 5-7 hours per week to research assistance for their faculty mentor. Research activities may involve archival or bibliographic research, subject interviewing, data collection and collation, copying, library or web searches, or other activities related to the mentor’s research project.

2. **Fellows Seminar:** In addition to the research placement, students accepted as CSRC Undergraduate Research Fellows will be required to register for a special three-credit class in the Fall semester (REL 494: Inquiry into Religion and Conflict). The fellows seminar will meet Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to explore the dynamics of religion and conflict from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. Fellows seminars provide an opportunity for students to read and discuss recent work on religion and conflict and to meet with leading ASU and visiting faculty working in this area. The seminar includes writing assignments as detailed in the course syllabus. Please note that the course also counts toward the Center’s religion and conflict certificate (see the Center’s website for more information on that program).

In addition to earning academic credit, students who complete the Fellows program will receive a scholarship of $1,000. Scholarships are paid through the ASU Financial Aid Office. As a result, scholarships may be applied directly to outstanding university bills or student loans.

**REQUIREMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION:**
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to be eligible for the program.
- Students from all majors and years of study are welcome to apply.
- For more information, or if you have any questions about these forms or the application process, see [https://csrc.asu.edu/students/fellows](https://csrc.asu.edu/students/fellows), and/or contact:
  
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INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION FORM
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INSTRUCTIONS
1. Send all application materials to: Matt Correa, (matt.correa@asu.edu). Email is the preferred method for receiving applications; if necessary, you can mail or fax the application to: Matt Correa, ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, PO Box 870802, Tempe, AZ 85287-0802. Fax: 480.965.9611.
2. Application materials include:
   a. Application Form: Complete this form by typing into the boxes below (please do not submit handwritten forms). Once all fields are complete, please print the form and add your signature in the appropriate box. You can then scan the document as a PDF, or take a clear high-resolution photo of the completed form.
   b. Application Questions Form: Use the form to provide clear, well-written answers to questions about your interest in the Fellows program and its relationship to your career goals. See the form for guidelines.
   c. Letter of recommendation: One recommendation letter from an ASU faculty member (faculty should e-mail their letter directly to matt.correa@asu.edu).
   d. Transcript: A copy of your most recent transcript including grades from your most recently completed semester and cumulative GPA (unofficial copies are acceptable).

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STUDENT APPLICANT CONSENT TO RELEASE RECORDS: Among other rights afforded to me under Federal Legislation commonly known as “The 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act,” as amended, I understand that I have the right to specify the name of each and every individual to whom my records are released. I further understand that I may waive my right to specify the name of each scholarship donor or scholarship committee to whom my records are released as long as such records are used only in connection with the selection process. I hereby authorize ASU and the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict to gather and release all records maintained by the office concerning me. Such records may contain the following:
   a. A copy of my official or unofficial transcript.
   b. Letters of recommendation bearing specifically on my application for scholarship.
   c. Other documents and information relating to my academic performance.

I certify that the information throughout this application is accurate and that misrepresentation of any facts or details could result in ineligibility for any scholarships/awards.

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Guidelines: In the boxes below, please type answers to each question. Each answer should be approximately 150-200 words, using the Times New Roman font at size 11 (keep answers single-spaced). The selection committee will consider the quality of your writing and the clarity of your responses in determining your suitability for this program.

**Question 1:** Please describe your interest in the study of religion and conflict, discussing examples where relevant.

**Question 2:** How would participation in this program contribute to your academic and/or professional career goals?