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 eight to ten highly motivated undergraduate students to participate in its innovative Undergraduate Research Fellows Program in the Fall 2017 semester. Students accepted into the program will have an opportunity to work directly with a faculty mentor on current research projects involving religion and conflict, participate in a special seminar with the director of the Center, meet with visiting scholars and attend special lectures, and qualify for three credit hours and a $1,000 scholarship.

The Undergraduate Research Fellows Program consists of two parts:

1. 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 semester. Projects range across a variety of disciplines, types of conflict and social, cultural, and political settings. Students will provide research assistance to their faculty mentor, putting in approximately 5-7 hours per week. 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 research project. Students accepted as CSRC Undergraduate Research Fellows will be required to register for a special three-credit class in the Fall semester.

2. In addition to the research project, Fellows will meet Thursday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to explore the dynamics of religion and conflict from a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Fellows meetings will provide an opportunity for students to read and discuss recent work on religion and conflict and meet with leading ASU and visiting faculty working in this area. For a final project students will write a reflective essay that synthesizes their research experience with insights gained from the fellows’ meetings.

In addition to the academic credit they receive for their research experience, students who complete the Fellows program will receive a scholarship of $1,000.∗

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to be eligible for the program.
To apply, please send the enclosed application along with a letter describing your interest and the relationship of the Fellows Program to your career goals, one letter of recommendation from an ASU faculty member, and a copy of your most recent transcript to:

Matt Correa, Assistant Research Administrator (matt.correa@asu.edu)
ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict
PO Box 870802
Tempe, AZ  85287-0802
Fax 480.965.9611

Email is our preferred method for receiving applications, but you can mail or fax the application if necessary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
See www.asu.edu/csrc or call 480.727.6339.

∗ Scholarships are paid through the ASU Financial Aid Office. As a result, scholarships may be applied directly to outstanding university bills or student loans.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FORM FOR FALL 2017
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2017, 5:00PM

To apply, complete, sign and submit this application form to CSRC along with:

- A well written letter describing your interest in the Fellows program and its relationship to your career goals (approx. 250-300 words).
- One letter of recommendation from an ASU faculty member (faculty can e-mail their letter to matt.correa@asu.edu or fax to 480.965.9611).
- A copy of your most recent transcript including grades from your most recently completed semester and cumulative GPA (unofficial copies are acceptable).

Name:                        ASU ID:
Phone:                      Cell phone:
Address:                        
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Email address:                        

ASU College/Department:       Major(s):
Academic Advisor:            Expected Graduation:
                Semester          Year
Faculty Recommender:         Recommender Department:
        Recommender E-Mail:

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 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.

Print Name
Signature
Date

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