FRIENDS OF THE CENTER UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS 2020

CALL FOR APPLICANTS
Deadline: March 20, 2020, 5:00pm

The Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict is pleased to announce this call for applicants for awards up to $2,500 for travel or research support related to the dynamics of religion and conflict or its resolution. These awards are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Center, a group of private individuals committed to advancing the research and education mission of the Center. Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for these awards for activities to be carried out in Summer 2020.

The Friends of the Center Undergraduate and Graduate Awards are designed to deepen students’ knowledge and understanding about religion, conflict, and/or peacebuilding. Activities that can be funded through this program range from:

(A) research support for an honor’s thesis, master’s thesis, or doctoral dissertation; to
(B) participation in reputable, internationally-oriented training programs in religion, conflict, and peacebuilding (a list of examples is available on the Center’s website); to
(C) research activities that advance understanding of the intersections of religion and conflict.

Award funds may be used to cover the costs of participation in programs, including tuition and airfare, or to underwrite the cost of research (including travel, summer support, or archival research).

ELIGIBILITY:

• Applicants must be currently enrolled at Arizona State University and enrolled in the semester following the proposed research or program (Fall 2020).

• Undergraduate students must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at Arizona State University, have a 3.2 or higher cumulative GPA, and demonstrate the relationship of the selected peacebuilding program or research project to their career development. Awards will be made based on: a) the academic merit of the proposal; b) demonstrated interest in the area of religion, conflict and peace studies as evidenced in application materials; and c) the relationship of the proposal to the student’s career goals.

• Graduate students must be currently enrolled in a graduate program at Arizona State University and in good standing with their department. The award must be used to pursue advanced studies or training in some aspect of religion, conflict, and peace studies. Awards will be made based upon the following criteria: a) the scholarly record and promise of the applicant; b) the significance of the research or training to the study of religion and conflict; and c) the significance of the research or training to the applicant’s program of study.

Please note that scholarships and fellowships are paid through the ASU Scholarship Office and may impact your financial aid package. Funds will not be released to attend training programs without verification of program acceptance.

Direct inquiries and submit applications to: Matt Correa, Assistant Research Administrator, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Tempe, Arizona 85287-0802 (matt.correa@asu.edu or 480.727.6339).
INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION FORM

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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. Two page (approximately 500 words) statement or plan of research that describes either the peacebuilding training program you propose to attend and its relationship to your career aspirations, or describes your plan of research, and it must include an estimated budget and timeframe.

c. If applicable: information about the peacebuilding program you propose to attend and, if available, copy of your acceptance letter (awards will not be released without verification of acceptance).

d. A transcript including grades from your most recently completed semester and cumulative GPA (unofficial copies are acceptable) and a CV or resume.

e. Faculty letter of recommendation mailed or e-mailed directly to matt.correa@asu.edu (for thesis or dissertation support the letter must be from your thesis/dissertation advisor).

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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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