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## SOCIETY OF FELLOWS CALL-FOR-APPLICATIONS

**Deadline:** March 15, 2016

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Kinder Institute's Society of Fellows is a competitive, all-expense-paid fellowship program exclusive to undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Missouri that provides participants with the opportunity to engage in a yearlong interdisciplinary exploration of the philosophical foundations, historical development, and contemporary practice of constitutional democracy in the United States.

***Members of the 2016-2017 Society of Fellows will participate in the following events:***

**Summer Seminar: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – Saturday, August 13, 2016**

The Society of Fellows begins each year with a residential summer seminar. Qualifying applicants will spend four days and three nights at the historic Tiger Hotel in downtown Columbia examining key ideas, figures, and events in the history of American constitutional democracy through a program of lectures and discussions led by Kinder Institute faculty. Full attendance and participation in the 2016 Summer Seminar is a required component of the fellowship.

**Dinner Discussions: September 2016, November 2016, February 2017, April 2017**

Fellows will continue their inquiry into the theory, history, and practice of American constitutional democracy during the school year through quarterly dinner discussions with MU faculty members and invited guests of the Kinder Institute. These discussions will be held in Columbia, MO, on one evening in each of the four months listed above. Attendance at all dinner discussion events is also a requirement of participation in the Society of Fellows.

**Student-edited *Journal on Constitutional Democracy* (optional)**

Fellows also will have the opportunity to participate in the creation of the 2016-2017 edition of the student-run *Journal on Constitutional Democracy*. Each edition of the *Journal* is organized around a new student-selected theme and consists of articles that examine this theme as it relates to constitutional democracy in historical, global, and contemporary contexts. At the conclusion of the Summer Seminar, fellows will be able to apply to participate in the *Journal* for course credit during the 2016-2017 academic year.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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The Society of Fellows application consists of three components: (1) A questionnaire, formatted as an interactive PDF and found on page 2 of this document; (2) A current resume; and (3) Two short essay responses, prompts for which are found on page 3 of this document.

Please submit each component as a separate attachment in a single email to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane, at KaneTC@missouri.edu, with "Society of Fellows Application" in the email subject line.

All attachments should be formatted as MS Word documents or PDFs and should be saved using these file names:

- Part I: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Questionnaire"
- Part II: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Resume"
- Part III: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Essay Questions"

The deadline to apply for the 2016-2017 Society of Fellows program is **Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 5:00 PM.**

Optional information sessions about the program will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM in Memorial Union S016, and a welcome reception for the new fellowship class will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Thomas Kane, at the email address listed above.

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### PART I: QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: Make sure to save a copy of the interactive questionnaire PDF with the file name "Your Last Name\_SOF\_ Questionnaire" before inputting information

Name: Current Year at MU:  
Email: Phone:  
Major(s):  
Minor(s):  
Current GPA: Expected Graduation Date:

Please answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions:

Will you be enrolled full-time and in residence at the University of Missouri-Columbia campus during the 2016-2017 school year?

Will you be able to attend the entire summer seminar (August 10-13, 2016) as well as each of the four dinner discussions (September 2016, November 2016, February 2017, April 2017)?

Do you anticipate applying to participate in the 2016-2017 *Journal on Constitutional Democracy*?

Would you like more information about the Kinder Institute's Minor and Certificate in American Constitutional Democracy and/or Honors College course series?

Once you have saved your answers, please continue to the following page.

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## PART II: RESUME

Please provide a copy of your current resume as an MS Word or PDF attachment using the file name: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Resume"

## PART III: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer the questions below in 600 words or less per question. Begin each answer on a separate page, and save both in a single MS Word document using the file name: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Essay Questions"

1. Why do you want to participate in the Society of Fellows, and what do you expect to contribute to the 2016-2017 fellowship class?
2. Please respond to one of the following prompts:
  - Discuss a written work that has had a substantial impact on your intellectual development and describe how / why

—OR—

- Describe a topic that you would like to see as a focus for one of the Society of Fellows' 2016-2017 dinner discussions and explain why

All application materials must be sent electronically to **KaneTC@missouri.edu** by **Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 5:00 PM**. Any questions regarding applications can be directed to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane at the above email address. We hope to notify candidates of their status by the second week of April 2016.

**Many thanks for completing the 2016-2017 Society of Fellows application.**