



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### 2017 KINDER SCHOLARS SUMMER PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

A competitive academic summer program available exclusively to University of Missouri undergraduates, the Kinder Scholars Program in Washington, D.C., offers students a unique opportunity to spend ten weeks in the nation's capital exploring the history, theory, and practice of American constitutional democracy through a combination of coursework and experiential learning.

The Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy provides all participants with housing for the duration of the Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program as well as a \$1,000 stipend to help offset other expenses related to spending the summer living, studying, and interning in the capital. While students are responsible for paying the per-credit hour cost of enrolling in courses associated with the Kinder Scholars Program, some tuition assistance may also be available.

Students who are returning to the University of Missouri in Fall 2017 for their junior or senior year are eligible to apply. The application deadline for the 2017 Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program is **Friday, November 4, 2016 at 5:00 PM**.

#### Program Description

In order to provide a truly immersive learning experience, the curriculum for the Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program is structured around two core components:

**Scholarship:** First and foremost, this is an academic program, and all participants must enroll in and complete assigned coursework for HIST/POL SC 4900: Beltway Politics & History. A three-credit hour course team-taught by Kinder Institute faculty in a seminar setting, the Beltway Politics & History class engages students in an in-depth, interdisciplinary examination of the philosophical foundations and historical development of American constitutional democracy, from the colonial age through the end of the Cold War. The course will follow MU's academic calendar for the eight-week summer session, meeting weekly from June 5, 2017 – July 28, 2017.

In addition to regular class sessions, the syllabus for the course includes a number of field trips designed to enhance students' understanding of the nation's constitutional history by visiting sites in and around D.C. where this history actually unfolded. In the past, these field trips have taken Kinder Scholars participants to the Sewall-Belmont House, Jefferson's Monticello, Harper's Ferry, and Frederick Douglass' home at Cedar Hill. All field trips will take place on Friday or Saturday, and itineraries will be distributed to students far in advance of the trip dates.

**Internship:** In order to provide students with an opportunity to supplement their work in the classroom with practical experience, the Kinder Scholars Program requires that participants intern Monday-Thursday (minimum 25 hours/week) at an organization in D.C. whose mission relates to their scholarly examination of the nation's political history, traditions, and institutions. While faculty members affiliated with the Kinder Scholars Program are more than happy to offer assistance and advice on finding summer work in D.C., participants are ultimately responsible for arranging their own internships. Students can receive up to six credit hours for the work they do at their internships by enrolling in HIST or POL SC 4940, the academic internship programs offered by the MU Departments of History and Political Science.

D.C. is rich with internship opportunities, and students can pursue any number of interests during their time in the Kinder Scholars Program by working on Capitol Hill, in K Street lobbying firms, in the not-for-profit sector, or at one of the city's many museums or archives. Past participants have interned at sites including: National Public Radio, the National Parks Service, the offices of Senators Claire McCaskill and Joni Ernst, the Heritage Foundation, the Children's Defense Fund, the Federal Reserve, SCOTUSblog, and the American Enterprise Institute.

## Housing

Program participants will live together in apartments in the Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH) facility at 2807 Connecticut Avenue NW, in the heart of D.C.'s historic Woodley Park neighborhood. The WISH-Woodley Park facility is a secure apartment building that provides residents with a 24-hour onsite staff, an assortment of modern amenities, and a community of students and interns from around the globe. Whether commuting to work or exploring the city, with the Woodley Park/Adams Morgan Metro stop just blocks from the apartments, students can be in Capitol Hill, Dupont Circle, or downtown D.C. within minutes of leaving home. All housing is single sex, and while Kinder Scholars Program coordinators will solicit feedback about housing assignments from participants, decisions about these assignments are ultimately up to the coordinators and housing providers. While the Beltway Politics & History seminar runs from June 5, 2017 – July 28, 2017, students will be able to live in the WISH-Woodley Park facility one week prior to the beginning and one week after the conclusion of the course.

## To APPLY FOR THE 2017 KINDER SCHOLARS D.C. SUMMER PROGRAM

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The first phase of the application process for the Kinder Scholars D.C. Program involves submitting four components: a questionnaire formatted as an interactive PDF, a series of short answer questions, a resume, and three letters of reference (to be submitted by students' referees). To be considered for admission, all components must be typed and e-mailed as separate attachments to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane at [KaneTC@missouri.edu](mailto:KaneTC@missouri.edu) no later than **Friday, November 4, 2016**. Only students returning to University of Missouri in Fall 2017 for their junior or senior year are eligible to apply.

After the initial review of applications is completed, the selection committee will then conduct interviews with finalists for admission into the 2017 Kinder Scholars Program. These interviews will take place no later than the week of November 28, 2016, and applicants will be notified of their selection status by Friday, December 9, 2016.

**Note:** Each year, applications far exceed the number of spaces available in the Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program. We will be running a waiting list, and we reserve the right to replace anyone who was initially selected with someone from the waiting list if he or she has not secured an internship by May 1, 2017.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAVING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS/SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

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When submitting application materials, please use your name and "2017 Kinder Scholars Application" in the subject line of your e-mail, and save the three application components that you will supply as:

- Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Questionnaire
- Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Short Answer
- Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Resume

Please only submit materials in Microsoft Word or PDF format, and have your letters of reference sent separately to [KaneTC@missouri.edu](mailto:KaneTC@missouri.edu). All questions regarding the application process should be directed to Thomas Kane at the email address above.



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## KINDER SCHOLARS D.C. PROGRAM APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please provide the following information in the interactive PDF fields below. (**Note:** Save the questionnaire PDF as “Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Questionnaire” **before** you begin to enter information into it).

Name:

MU E-mail:

Telephone:

Current Year at MU (as of Fall 2016):

Major(s):

Minor(s)

Current GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

Membership in Professional or Fraternal Organizations at MU:

Membership in Student Organizations, Activities, and, Committees at MU:

1. Are you currently pursuing the Kinder Institute’s Minor or Certificate in American Constitutional Democracy? If not, would you like more information about these opportunities?

2. Please acknowledge that you have read the statement below by entering “I acknowledge” in the text field provided:

You will be arranging your own internship for the summer and will be responsible for meeting with Professor Carli Conklin several times during the Spring 2017 semester about your progress. In addition to these one-on-one meetings, you will be responsible for attending a series of four group informational sessions in the spring about the Kinder Scholars Program. Professor Conklin and other faculty members will be happy to help you begin making contact with possible internship providers, but most internships will have a competitive application process that you will be responsible for completing.

3. Have you already arranged an internship? If yes, where will you be interning?

4. If you have not already arranged an internship, it is time to start thinking about the kind of organization that you would be fulfilled by working with. In the space provided below, please describe your ideal internship, explaining why you are drawn to this particular opportunity.

## **KINDER SCHOLARS D.C. PROGRAM SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

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Please answer all of the following questions in 1-2 paragraphs each

- There are many other programs available on campus and through outside organizations that provide opportunities for students to intern in D.C. Why are you drawn specifically to the Kinder Scholars Program?
- What can you uniquely contribute to the experience that your fellow Kinder Scholars Program participants will have in Washington?
- What class or MU experience do you feel has best prepared you for the Kinder Scholars Program and why?
- Why do you believe that it is beneficial to be able to draw connections between theories or ideas learned in class and real world contexts, experiences, and practices?

Please save your answers as “Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Short Answer” in a single Microsoft Word document.

## **COMPLETING THE KINDER SCHOLARS APPLICATION**

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There are two more required components of the 2017 Kinder Scholars application

- A current copy of your resume, saved as “Your Last Name\_KS Application\_Resume”
- Three brief letters of reference that address topics such as: your academic merit; your ability to adapt to new situations; your ability to work and get along with peers; and your ability to be a strong, positive representative of the University of Missouri and the Kinder Institute. Two of these letters MUST be from an MU faculty member. Please have your referees submit their letters directly to Thomas Kane, [KaneTC@missouri.edu](mailto:KaneTC@missouri.edu), with your name and “Kinder Scholars Reference Letter” in the subject line.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, short answer questions, and resume, please send them as separate attachments in the same email to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane at [KaneTC@missouri.edu](mailto:KaneTC@missouri.edu)

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