



SOCIETY OF FELLOWS CALL-FOR-APPLICATIONS

Deadline: February 28, 2017

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Kinder Institute's Society of Fellows is a competitive, all-expense-paid fellowship program exclusive to University of Missouri undergraduates that provides students with the unique opportunity to spend a year engaged in a collective, interdisciplinary exploration of the philosophical foundations, historical development, and contemporary practice of constitutional democracy in the United States and abroad.

Members of the 2017-2018 Society of Fellows will participate in the following events:

Residential Summer Seminar: Tuesday, August 8 – Friday, August 11, 2017

To kick off the Society of Fellows program, 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 series of lectures and discussions led by Kinder Institute faculty. Full attendance at and participation in the 2017 Summer Seminar is a required component of the Society of Fellows.

Dinner Discussions: September 2017, November 2017, February 2018, April 2018

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

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

Fellows will also have the exclusive opportunity to join the 2017-2018 staff of the student-run *Journal on Constitutional Democracy*. Each volume of the *Journal* is organized around a new theme chosen by the staff and consists of student articles that examine the complex history of constitutional democracy in the United States and around the globe as well as the application of foundational constitutional principles in today's political environment. Students interested in receiving course credit for their participation in creating the *Journal* will have the opportunity to sign up for the first half of the yearlong, 3-credit hour *Journal on Constitutional Democracy* class (HIST/POL SC 4975) during spring enrollment for Fall 2017.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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" and your last name 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 2017-2018 Society of Fellows program is **February 28, 2017, at 5:00 PM.**

An optional information session about the program will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017, from 3:30-4:30 PM in Jesse Hall 410.

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 beginning to input 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 at University of Missouri and in residence in Columbia for the entirety of the 2017-2018 school year?

Will you be able to attend the entire summer seminar (August 8-11, 2017) as well as each of the four dinner discussions (September 2017, November 2017, February 2018, April 2018)?

Do you anticipate participating in the 2017-2018 *Journal on Constitutional Democracy*, and if so, do you anticipate participating for course credit?

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," making sure to include any relevant information about organizations and programs that you are involved with on campus.

PART III: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please respond to the prompts below in 500 words or less per answer. Begin each response on a separate page, and save them 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 2017-2018 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' 2017-2018 lunch or dinner discussions and explain why

All application materials must be sent electronically to **KaneTC@missouri.edu** by **Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 5:00 PM**. Any questions regarding applications can be directed to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane at the above email address. We will notify candidates about their application status no later than March 17, 2017.

Many thanks for completing the 2017-2018 Society of Fellows application.