



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2018 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 intellectual origins, historical narrative, and contemporary 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 2018 for their junior or senior year are eligible to apply. The application deadline for the 2018 Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program is **Friday, October 27, 2017**.

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 History & Politics. A three-credit hour course team-taught by Kinder Institute faculty in a seminar setting, the Beltway History & Politics class engages students in an in-depth, interdisciplinary examination of the philosophical foundations and historical development of American constitutional democracy, from the colonial age into the twentieth century. The course will follow MU's academic calendar for the eight-week summer session, meeting weekly from June 4, 2018 – July 27, 2018.

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

Internship: So students can supplement their work in the classroom with practical experience, the Kinder Scholars Program also requires that participants intern Monday-Thursday (minimum 25 hours/week) at an organization in D.C. whose mission broadly 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 when it comes to 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, with a K Street lobbying firm, in the not-for-profit sector, or at one of the city's many museums, archives, or media outlets. Past participants have interned at sites including: National Public Radio, the National Parks Service, the offices of Senators Claire McCaskill and Joni Ernst, the Federalist Society, Victory Fund, NBC D.C., the Smithsonian, 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. Kinder Scholars coordinators will solicit feedback about housing assignments from participants, but decisions about these assignments are ultimately up to the coordinators and housing providers. While the Beltway History & Politics seminar runs from June 4, 2018 – July 27, 2018, 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 2018 KINDER SCHOLARS D.C. SUMMER PROGRAM

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, responses to a series of short answer questions, a resume, and two 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** no later than **Friday, October 27, 2017**. Only students returning to University of Missouri in Fall 2018 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 2018 Kinder Scholars Program. These interviews will take place no later than the week of November 27, 2017, and applicants will be notified of their selection status in advance of a December 8 reception and information session for the incoming class of Kinder Scholars.

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, 2018.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAVING APPLICATION DOCUMENTS/SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

When submitting application materials, please use your name and "2018 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**. 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

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:

Current Year at MU (as of Fall 2017):

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 and other Kinder 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 monthly 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?

2018 KINDER SCHOLARS APPLICATION SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please respond to each of the questions below in 1-2 paragraphs, saving all answers in a single document as “Your Last Name_KS Application_Short Answer”

1. The Kinder Scholars Program is designed in large part to highlight the importance of being able to draw connections between the history of American constitutional democracy and contemporary political culture and practices. Discuss a situation in which you have found a knowledge of the past to be beneficial to addressing an issue/issues in the present.
2. Discuss a situation in which you learned or grew as a result of being exposed to ideas and/or opinions different than your own.
3. What is your ideal internship and why?
4. What MU experience or class do you feel has best prepared you to be a positive, unique contributor to the Kinder Scholars Program?
5. The “Beltway History & Politics” course focuses on American political thought and history from the Founding era into the early twentieth century. If you could design one week of the course, what would you have the class read, where would you go on a field trip, and why?

COMPLETING THE KINDER SCHOLARS APPLICATION

There are two more required components of the 2018 Kinder Scholars application

- A current copy of your resume, saved as “Your Last Name_KS Application_Resume”
- Two 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. At least one of these letters **MUST** be from an MU faculty member and preferably both would be. Please have your referees submit their letters directly to Thomas Kane, **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**

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