



## SOCIETY OF FELLOWS CALL-FOR-APPLICATIONS

**Deadline:** March 20, 2020

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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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 2020-2021 Society of Fellows will participate in the following events:***

**Residential Summer Seminar: Tuesday, August 11 – Friday, August 14, 2020**

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 led by Kinder Institute faculty. Full attendance at and participation in the 2020 Summer Seminar is a required component of the Society of Fellows.

#### **Dinner Discussions**

Fellows will continue their inquiry into political thought and history during the school year through a regular series of dinner and lunch discussions with MU faculty and invited guests of the Kinder Institute. There will be three official Fellows events each semester, and Fellows are required to attend at least two (per semester). Past speakers have included former Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Rhodes Russell and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough. In addition, the Institute will often host unofficial, non-mandatory "pop-up events" for current and past Fellows.

#### ***Journal on Constitutional Democracy (optional)***

Fellows will also have the exclusive opportunity to join the 2020-2021 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 global history of democracy as well as the application of foundational constitutional principles in today's political environment. Fellows interested in receiving course credit for their participation in creating the *Journal* can sign up for the first half of the yearlong, 3-credit hour *Journal on Constitutional Democracy* class (HIST/POL SC 4975) during enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester.

More information about all program components can be found at [democracy.missouri.edu](http://democracy.missouri.edu)

### 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) Three 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](mailto: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 2020-2021 Society of Fellows program is **March 20, 2020, at 5:00 PM.**

An optional information session about the program will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, from 5:00-6:00 PM in Jesse Hall 410.

Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Thomas Kane, at the email address listed above. All students returning to MU for the full 2020-2021 academic year are eligible to apply.

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### PART I: QUESTIONNAIRE

**Note:** Make sure to save this application PDF with the file name “Your Last Name\_SOF\_Questionnaire” **before** beginning to input information in the fields below.

**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 2020-2021 school year?

Will you be able to attend the entire Summer Seminar (August 11-14, 2020), as well as at least two lunch or dinner discussions per semester (tentatively scheduled for September, October, and November 2020; and February, March, and April 2021)?

Do you anticipate participating in the 2020-2021 *Journal on Constitutional Democracy*, and if so, do you anticipate participating for course credit?

Would you like more information about the Kinder Institute and College of Arts & Science’s B.A. in Constitutional Democracy and/or one-year M.A. in Atlantic History & Politics?

**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, as well as contact information for two academic references.

## PART III: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please respond to each of the prompts below in 300-500 words per answer. Begin each response on a separate page, and save them all in a single MS Word document or PDF using the file name: "Your Last Name\_SOF\_Essay Questions"

1. Looking back at past group settings/activities that you've been a part of (it could be as recently as earlier this semester), describe one in which you feel that you thrived and one in which you feel that you could have been a more effective contributor, briefly explaining how/why in each case
2. Discuss a written work that has had a substantial impact on your intellectual development and describe how/why
3. Describe a topic that you would like to see as a focus for one of the Society of Fellows' 2020-2021 lunch or dinner discussions and explain why

All application materials must be sent electronically to **KaneTC@missouri.edu** by **Friday, March 20, 2020, 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 in mid-April.

**Many thanks for completing the 2020-2021 Society of Fellows application.**