



2020-2021 Kinder Institute Residential College *Priority Admission & Scholarship Application*

A joint project of the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, the College of Arts & Science, and the Department of Residential Life, the Kinder Institute Residential College (KIRC) provides up to 60 incoming MU freshmen with the opportunity to live together in historic Wolpers Hall and take classes together during the fall and spring semesters of their first year with Kinder Institute faculty.

The Kinder Institute Residential College is open to all incoming first-year students with a passion for thinking about and discussing the history of democracy in the U.S. and around the globe, though preference will be given to students who have declared the Constitutional Democracy major. The four courses in which KIRC participants will co-enroll, a coordinated series of discussion-based seminars and lecture classes that examine the ideas and events that shaped the development of the United States from before the Revolution through the Civil War, will all count toward the Constitutional Democracy B.A. in the College of Arts & Science.

Applying to the Residential College is as simple as choosing “Kinder Institute Residential College” on your online housing preference form. It is also encouraged that students interested in the KIRC provide responses to the four prompts below. By doing so, you will have priority admission status, should we exceed our 60-student cap for the KIRC, and immediately become eligible for one of our Morgan and Atterbury Scholarships.

I. Please provide a record of your high school accomplishments, making sure to include: GPA, ACT and/or SAT scores, AP, IB, and/or dual-credit classes taken, awards received, clubs participated in, and outside-of-school work experience.

II. If possible, please let us know (a) if you are Honors College eligible; and (b) if you intend to declare (or have already declared) the Constitutional Democracy major.

III. Please answer the following questions in 300-500 words each:

- What does civic education mean to you, and what are the obstacles that you think civic education faces in the 21st century?
- Of the Constitutional Democracy B.A.’s four concentration areas—U.S. & the World, Politics & Policy, Law & Institutions, Social & Political Thought—which would you pursue and why?

IV. The Kinder Institute offers a limited number of Morgan and Atterbury Scholarships to KIRC participants during their first year. If you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships, which range from \$500-\$2,500 and can be need- or merit-based, please provide a brief (100-150 words) statement of how your educational experience at MU would be enhanced by such an award. The scholarship deadline is March 1, 2020.

Once completed, applicants should email their responses in a single Microsoft Word document or PDF to Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, with their first and last names and “KIRC Application” in the subject line. Admission and scholarship notification will go out on or before April 1, 2020.