

USC Shoah Foundation

Center for Advanced Genocide Research

Call for Applications

DEFY Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships Summer 2016

The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites research proposals from undergraduate USC students for its 2016 DEFY Summer Research Fellowships.

The fellowships provide \$1,000 support for undergraduate USC students doing research focused on the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive and/or other unique USC resources and collections during the summer of 2016. The fellowship is open to undergraduate USC students of all disciplines. A limited number of fellowships are available.

Award decisions for the DEFY fellowships will be based on the originality of the research proposal and the centrality of USC resources to the research project.

USC is the home of internationally unique and growing research resources, which include the *USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive*, a collection of over 53,000 video testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides, including the Rwandan, Armenian, Guatemalan genocides and the Nanjing Massacre in China; a *Holocaust and genocide studies collection* at Doheny Memorial Library with 14,000 primary and secondary sources, including the Nuremberg Trials papers and a class action lawsuit against New York Life regarding the Armenian genocide; and a *Special Collection* containing private papers of German and Austrian Jewish emigrants from the Third Reich.

Summer Research Fellows will be expected to spend three to four weeks in residence at the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research during the summer of 2016, to play a role in the activities of the Center, and to give a public presentation based on their work and findings during the following academic year. Award winners are invited to join DEFY (Defy Intolerance through Education), the student organization of the USC Shoah Foundation. DEFY's members organize campus events to help raise awareness about the USC Shoah Foundation's mission to overcome prejudice, intolerance, hate, and the suffering they cause.

To submit an application, please send a cover letter, current CV, research proposal, and letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor. The research proposal should include a project outline and a description of methodology. Please send these materials to cagr@usc.edu by **March 31, 2016**.

For more information about the Center, please visit: cagr.usc.edu.