Call for Applications from Senior Scholars

2023-2024 Center Research Fellowship

Deadline: January 31, 2023

The USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites applications from senior scholars for its 2023-2024 Center Research Fellowship. The Center is reestablishing this fellowship for senior scholars after a hiatus of several years. The fellowship was established in 2014 and last bestowed in the 2018-2019 academic year.

The fellowship provides $30,000 (one semester) support and will be awarded to an outstanding senior scholar from any discipline who will advance genocide research through the use of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive and related unique USC resources.

The recipient will be required to spend the Fall or Spring semester in residence at the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research in Los Angeles during the 2023-2024 academic year. The chosen fellow will be expected to provide the Center with fresh research perspectives, to play a role in Center activities, and to give a public talk during his or her stay.

Award decisions for this fellowship will be based on the originality of the research proposal, its potential to advance research within the field of Holocaust and genocide studies, the distinguished achievements of the candidate, and the centrality of USC resources to the project.

The USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive is a collection of over 55,000 audiovisual testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other genocides, including the Rwandan, Armenian, Guatemalan, Cambodian genocides, the Nanjing Massacre in China, anti-Rohingya mass violence, and war and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The majority of testimonies are life history interviews in which interviewees discuss their lives before, during, and after genocide and mass violence. With interviews conducted in 65 countries and in 44 languages, testimonies capture both the individual experience of mass violence and the social and cultural history of the 20th century on a global scale. Learn more about the Visual History Archive and its collections here.
In addition to the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive, other internationally unique and growing genocide research resources at USC include a Holocaust and genocide studies collection at Doheny Memorial Library with 30,000 primary and secondary sources and a Special Collection containing private papers of German and Austrian Jewish emigrants, including Lion Feuchtwanger, from the Third Reich.

Founded in 2014, the USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research distinguishes itself from other Holocaust and genocide research institutes by offering access to unique research resources and by focusing its research efforts on the interdisciplinary study of currently under-researched areas. (For more information, visit our website here.)

The deadline for applications is January 31, 2023.

To submit an application:

Email the following materials to cagr@usc.edu or upload them to the Fellowships page of the Center's website. (Visit https://dornsife.usc.edu/cagr/fellowships, click on the Center Research Fellowship, and click Apply.)

- cover letter (including proposed dates of residency)
- CV
- research proposal (max 3 pages) discussing the topic, methodological approach, and relevant USC resources

Applicants will be notified about award decisions by February 21, 2023.

For questions, please contact cagr@usc.edu.