Call for Applications
2019-2020 Center Junior Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites applications from postdoctoral scholars for its 2019-2020 Center Junior Postdoctoral Research Fellowship.

The fellowship will be awarded to an outstanding junior postdoctoral scholar from any discipline who will advance genocide research through the use of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive and other USC resources. Postdoctoral scholars from around the world are invited to apply. Applicants must have their PhD in hand by July 1, 2019. The scholar must have been awarded a Ph.D. within the past five years of his/her appointment. 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, and the centrality of USC resources to the project.

The recipient will be required to spend the year in residence at the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research.

The fellowship offers an annual salary of $70,000, plus fringe benefits. The chosen fellow will teach one course during the fellowship period in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences and will be expected to provide the Center with fresh research perspectives, to play a role in Center activities, and to give a public lecture during his or her stay.

Founded in 2014, the Center for Advanced Genocide Research is the academic arm of the USC Shoah Foundation. The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research is dedicated to advancing new areas of interdisciplinary research on the Holocaust and other genocides, focusing on the origins of genocide and how to intervene in the cycle that leads to mass violence. The Center organizes annual international workshops and conferences, hosts a speaker series on genocide and mass violence, and offers a competitive international research fellowship program. For further information, please consult: http://cagr.usc.edu.

USC is the home of internationally unique and growing research resources. The USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive now holds over 55,000 video testimonies of survivors and other eyewitnesses of the Holocaust, the Rwandan, Guatemalan, Armenian, and Cambodian genocides, and the Nanjing Massacre in China. The interviews have been conducted in 43 languages and in 65 countries. They encompass the experiences not only
of survivors in these contexts, but also of witnesses, liberators, aid providers, and war crimes trials participants. These interviews are life histories, and as such their subject matter includes the history and culture of the countries of the interviewees’ birth and their lives before, during and after genocide.

Additional internationally unique and growing research resources include a Holocaust and Genocide Studies collection at Doheny Memorial Library with over 30,000 primary and secondary sources and a Special Collection containing private papers of German and Austrian Jewish emigrants, including the writer Lion Feuchtwanger, from the Third Reich.

To submit an application, please send a cover letter, CV, and research proposal (max. 3 pages) discussing the topic, methodological approach, and relevant USC resources, as well as two recommendation letters by February 28th, 2019 to cagr@usc.edu. In addition, two confidential letters of recommendation are required. Letters should be sent separately by the letters’ authors to the email address above.