2016/2017 AC^4 Graduate Fellowship Program  Deadline: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at 5pm (EST)

For the academic year of 2016-2017, AC^4 will provide funding of up to $3,000 for as many as 10 Columbia University graduate students and one additional team of students for up to $6,000 that are conducting interdisciplinary research or practice-based projects addressing conflict, violence, sustainable development, and/or peace. Projects might include, but are not limited to, doctoral dissertation research, master’s thesis research, internship positions or capstone projects. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Students may only apply to one type of award: Individual Research, Individual Internship or Team.

HOW TO APPLY

Fellowship application materials must be downloaded from the AC^4 website: http://ac4.ei.columbia.edu/opportunities/ac4-graduate-student-fellowship-program/

Access to the Fellowship online application: https://ac4graduatefellowships.wufoo.com/forms/ac4-graduate-student-fellowship-application/

Applicants are required to submit the following information to AC^4 via the online application:

(1) A research proposal of no more than three pages (double-spaced, 12 point font) describing their proposed study, its scope and focus, and its projected impact and/or professional significance. A cover letter should be included (separate from the 3 pages of the proposal) with the applicant name(s), UNI, email, phone number, degree and major, and specific CU school(s) of attendance;

(2) Projected Budget Form requesting up to $3,000 (or $6,000 in the case of Team Applicants), detailing how the monies will be spent;

(3) Faculty Approval Form, signed by a CU faculty member who agrees to advise and support the applicant through the completion of his or her project.

(4) One academic letter of recommendation. Letters must be typed on institutional letterhead and should be tailored to the applicant’s ability to undertake proposed research. Applicants are required to obtain their letter of recommendation directly, then to scan and upload the letter using the online application form;

(5) Brief CV or resume (no more than 3 pages per applicant);

(6) For internship proposals only: a letter of sponsorship that states the organization’s support/acceptance.

Note for Team Applicants: Applicants will need to choose one representative to apply on behalf of the team. This person will be the primary contact during the application process. This person will need to compile all of the application materials listed above. Teams need only submit one letter of recommendation. All Team applicants’ CVs/resumes must be compiled together and saved as one document.
Additional Information:
The Fellowship Selection Committee of Columbia faculty and AC⁴ Fellows Alum will convene to decide the 11 winning proposals.

Information Session: Awardees are required to attend an information session that will be held in the Spring 2016, after which the funds will be released.

Mandatory AC⁴ Fellows Poster Session: Each year, fellows present their research at the AC⁴ Peace Conference during a poster session. For 2016 Fellows, poster presentations will be in Spring 2017.

If you have questions, please direct them to AC⁴ Research Coordinator, Meredith Smith.
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Restrictions:
- Funding requires a faculty sponsor
- Monies must be spent in the 2016/2017 academic year
- Previous AC⁴ Fellows are ineligible

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Thank you for applying for the 2016-2017 AC⁴ Graduate Fellowship, and best wishes to you!

The Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC⁴) is a consortium based at the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Our mission is to communicate, engage with and support interdisciplinary theory, research and practice related to violence prevention, conflict resolution and sustainable development and peace, at Columbia University and across the globe.

For more information, please visit http://ac4.ei.columbia.edu