2015/2016 AC⁴ Graduate Fellowship Program  Deadline: Friday, February 13, 2015 at 5pm (EST)

For the academic year of 2015/2016, AC⁴ 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, development, and/or sustainable peace. Projects might include— but are not limited to— doctoral dissertation research, master’s thesis research, or capstone projects. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Students may only apply to one type of award: Individual or Team.

HOW TO APPLY

Fellowship application materials must be downloaded from the AC⁴ 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 AC⁴ 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 1) advise and support the applicant through the completion of his or her project, 2) attend one Spring (2014) informational meeting, and 3) attend the annual AC⁴ Peace Conference where Fellows present during a poster session;

(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);

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 will convene to decide awards. In making the fellowship decisions, the Committee will determine which budget items can be funded and by what amount.

Information Session: Awardees and their faculty sponsor are required to attend an information session that will be held in the Spring 2015, after which the funds will be released.

Mandatory AC\(^4\) Fellows Poster Session: Each year, Fellows will present their research at the AC\(^4\) Peace Conference during a poster session.

If you have questions, please direct them to AC\(^4\) Research Coordinator, Meredith Smith. Email: mms2258@columbia.edu Phone: +1 (212) 870-2770

Restrictions:
- Funding requires a faculty sponsor
- Monies must be spent in the 2015/2016 academic year
- Previous AC\(^4\) Fellows are ineligible

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Thank you for applying for the 2015-2016 AC\(^4\) Graduate Fellowship, and best wishes to you!

The Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC\(^4\)) 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