

CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY

Prins Foundation Fellowship for Senior Scholars

The application deadline for the Prins Foundation Fellowship for Senior Scholars starting in Fall 2015 is **January 15, 2015**.

The Center for Jewish History is pleased to offer a fellowship to emigrating senior scholars through a grant from the Vivian G. Prins Foundation. We invite foreign senior scholars who seek a permanent teaching and research position in North America to apply for this award, which will support research in the collections of the Center's partners – American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. The 12-month Prins Foundation Fellowship for Senior Scholars entails a living stipend of \$75,000, as well as a relocation stipend of up to \$15,000. Applications are welcome from foreign senior scholars in any field who have held a PhD for at least six years. This award allows the Center to serve as the gateway for foreign senior scholars seeking to begin a new academic life in North America.

Responsibilities of the Prins Foundation Senior Scholar

- Conduct original research using partner collections.
- Deliver at least one public lecture based on the research conducted.
- Actively participate in the scholarly community at the Center. Each year the Center welcomes numerous fellows to work in Center partner collections including graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. The Prins Foundation Senior Scholar is expected to take part in the fellowship program's bi-weekly meetings at the Center.
- Acknowledge the Center for Jewish History and the Prins Foundation in all publications resulting from the fellowship.
- Submit a report upon completion of the Fellowship describing her/his experience as a Center Fellow.

Eligibility

- Open to foreign senior scholars from outside North America who seek permanent teaching and research positions. A senior scholar is defined as someone who has held the PhD for longer than 6 years. Preference will be given to candidates from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Israeli citizens are not eligible.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to have the appropriate visa for acceptance of the stipend for the duration of the award. The Center for Jewish History is not a visa-granting institution but will help facilitate the visa application process.

Requirements for application

1. Cover letter stating area of interest, knowledge of relevant languages, and how the project relates to the mission of the Center for Jewish History
2. Curriculum Vitae, including contact information, education, publications, scholarly and/or museum activities, teaching experience, and any other relevant work experience
3. Detailed research proposal consisting of four to five pages, including specific reference to the [collections at the Center](#) and clearly stated goals for research during the period of the fellowship
4. Two recent publications consisting of either an article published in a scholarly journal, a chapter in an edited collection, or the introduction and a subsequent chapter from a recently published book
5. Applicants will also submit a 1-2 page essay articulating why they wish to emigrate and what they hope to accomplish after concluding the fellowship.
6. Three letters of recommendation that address the significance of the candidate's work for his or her field as well as the candidate's ability to fulfill the proposed research project. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by the recommender under separate cover – ideally by email or dossier service – to the address below. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that letters of recommendation are submitted by the deadline.
7. Please submit application materials 1-5 by email as one continuous PDF file.

Application schedule

- Applications for the 2015-16 academic year are due **January 15, 2015**. All application material, including letters of reference, must be received by this date for consideration.
- Announcement of grant recipients: March 2015
- Commencement of grant period: September 1, 2015
- Conclusion of grant period: August 31, 2016

Applications are to be submitted to:

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