

CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY

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Seminar on Archival and Historical Research

May 19-22, 2014

The Center for Jewish History Seminar on Archival and Historical Research is a four-day program for rising college seniors, MA students and first- and second-year doctoral students to learn the skills of conducting archival research at one of the premier research libraries in the United States. The seminar's focus is on learning a variety of tools for accessing information and incorporating archival and library research into specific projects. In addition, participants will be introduced to the vast holdings of the Center's partner organizations, and the ways those collections are created, stored, and preserved.

The 2014 research seminar will welcome students from various disciplines including history, Jewish studies, literature, religion, politics, sociology, anthropology, as well as area and regional studies. Teaching sessions will be led by scholars familiar with the collections based at the Center; archivists and librarians of the Center's five partner organizations; staff members of the Center's Lillian Goldman Reading Room; and the Center's Graduate, Postdoctoral, and Senior Scholar Fellows. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct their own research in the Center's Reading Room, utilizing the full complement of available research tools.

Eligibility

- Applications are welcome from rising college seniors, recent university and college graduates, MA students, and PhD candidates in their first two years of matriculation.

Application Guidelines

- Cover letter that briefly addresses your interest in participating in the research seminar, knowledge of foreign languages, and previous use of archives or special collections.
- Three-page proposal addressing why you would benefit from participating in the Center for Jewish History Seminar and how the seminar fits in with your long-term goals.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member. When you submit your application by email, please include the name and email address of your recommender so that we may follow up if your letter has not arrived by the deadline.

Applications are due by March 28, 2014. All application materials should be submitted as one continuous PDF or World file to fellowships@cjh.org. Letters of recommendation should be submitted under separate cover. Questions may be sent to Christopher Barthel, Senior Manager for Academic and Public Programs, at cbarthel@cjh.org.

The Center for Jewish History is one of the great public Jewish historical and cultural institutions in the world. As the campus to its five partner organizations – American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research – the Center has achieved recognition as a venue for unrivaled documentation, scholarship, and vital public dialogue. The collections of its partners total over 500,000 volumes and 100 million archival documents, comprising, as a whole, the largest repository of the modern Jewish experience outside of Israel.