Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Advanced undergraduate students at North American universities are invited to apply to carry out research in the archives and libraries of the Center's partner institutions. This fellowship is designed for third and fourth year undergraduates preparing theses or other major projects in Jewish history and related fields. Projects require substantive use of archival and printed sources (e.g., newspapers, collections of sermons, memoirs, institutional reports) housed at the Center and not available at the student's home institution. The amount of the fellowship is up to $500 and students are encouraged to seek matching funding from their home institutions. The award may be used for travel purposes and lodging while at the Center. The opportunity to work with these sources can not only enhance the quality and originality of the student's projects but also expose them to the rewards of primary-source research and encourage them to pursue graduate study.

Permissible expenses: economy-class air, rail or bus fare to New York; lodging, duplication services; per diem of $30 per day.

After completing their projects, fellowship holders will be required to submit a brief summary of their findings and indicate the role played by Center resources in their research as a whole. These reports will be public documents and may be cited, in whole or in part, for Center publicity.

Requirements for Application

1. Electronic submission of a cover letter, CV or resume, and unofficial undergraduate transcript
2. 1,500-word project proposal with specific description of the Center resources to be consulted
3. A projected budget for the fellowship funds
4. Submission, under separate cover, of a letter of recommendation from the student's thesis or project advisor

Applications are to be submitted to:

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