Announcement of Loeb Fellowships for Harvard Students

**Loeb Fellowships**

Through a generous bequest from Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr., the Committee on the Study of Religion is offering 12-month (Sep-Aug), semester (Sep-Jan; Feb-Jun), and summer (Jun-Aug) fellowships, and short-term research project fellowships in support of scholarly work that explore questions of religious freedom. Relevant research might include, but would not be limited to, matters of religious pluralism, the place of religion in public life, the separation of church and state, or religiously-charged conflict and intolerance in its various forms. Funding is available for individual investigators and collaborative projects. For collaborative projects, applicants must submit individually. **All Harvard graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to apply.**

**Eligibility and Restrictions**

Application is open to current Harvard students, including students who will graduate in May 2017. Students currently registered in the college, or in any of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard, are eligible to apply to the appropriate fellowship if they will have completed at least one full year of study by May 2017 at the time of application.

Recipients must obtain the approval of the Committee on the Study of Religion if they wish to accept other grants or fellowships during the same period. The Committee on the Study of Religion reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award if fellows have received other funding for the same time period. Fellowship funds are not renewable or deferrable. Fellowship funds are not intended to support the dependents of a fellow and additional funding to support dependents is not available.

**Award Periods and Funds**

**Full-Calendar Year Fellowship**: These fellowships support a full calendar year (September through August) of research. Fellowships are $34,000 for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Academic Semester Fellowship**: These fellowships support a term in the academic year (fall and/or spring of the next academic year from time of application). Fellowships are $14,200 per 5-month semester (Sept-Jan or Feb-June) for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Summer Term Fellowship**: These fellowships support a summer research project in 2017. Fellowships are up to $5,520 for June through August 2017.
**Project Fellowship:** These fellowships are for short term research and may be utilized during summer or spring of 2017. Requests may not exceed $3000 in a semester or summer period; a project request may be made for each period.

*Indicates open to graduate students only.*

**Qualifications**
Candidates for the Loeb Graduate Fellowship are evaluated by the following criteria:
- Feasibility and quality of the proposed research;
- Outstanding academic record;
- Significance of contribution to the field.

**Application for the Fellowship**
Candidates apply for all fellowships via CARAT.

**Application Requirements**
Please include your name, your current program and the specific award for which you are applying on any uploaded documents.

The following materials must be submitted by **February 10, 2017**:  
- **Abstract** of proposal (250 word limit)  
- **Statement of Purpose** (2 to 4 pages, double-spaced) ***  
- Simple **project budget** of major expenses and possible sources of income  
- Simple **project timeline**  
- One **letter of recommendation** from a Harvard faculty member via CARAT - additional letters will not be accepted  
- **Three additional references** (Name, Title, and Email address)  
- **Curriculum Vitae**  
- **Official Harvard transcripts** (may be sent via Harvard secure file transfer). Within CARAT, all students may upload an unofficial transcript generated from my.harvard to represent their current graduate studies.

**Project Fellowships** may be submitted and reviewed beginning **January 10, 2017**.

*** Please describe your project, outlining the scope and purpose of your research, describing your plan of study for the proposed time period, and placing your project in the context of your degree and your career plans. The Statement of Purpose should not exceed four double-spaced typed pages.

Fellowship recipients will be asked for a brief summary after completion of a fellowship.

Questions about the application may to Kate Bowen (cbowen@g.harvard.edu);  
http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/loebfellowships