



– *Mittleuropa Express* –
Botstiber Foundation & IAS CEU Fellowship for
CEU doctoral students in Central European
Histories and Societies
at the Institute for Advanced Study in Budapest
– *Winter 2025* –

Call for Applications

Deadlines for Application:
for fellowships starting on January 1st : December 1, 2024;
for fellowships starting on February 1st or later: December 28, 2024

The Botstiber Institute for Austrian–American Studies (BIAAS) and the Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest (IAS CEU) are pleased to invite applications for a short-term Research Fellowship in Central European Histories and Societies for Winter 2025.

Fellowships are available for all scholarly work related to the past or present of Mittleuropa (former Habsburg lands and adjacent territories) and linked to the doctoral dissertation research carried out by the Applicant. There are no disciplinary constraints; however, preference will be given to research proposals with a transnational or comparative aspect.

At IAS CEU, Fellows will join outstanding junior and senior scholars from around the world, each conducting research related to their diverse disciplinary interests. IAS CEU in Budapest provides a stimulating environment in which fellows can devote themselves to their research and share their work with peers through weekly seminars and other community programs. Fellows have access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services, and library resources; accommodation is also provided as part of the fellowship at the CEU Residence Center in Budapest.



Eligibility & Terms and Conditions

- Applicants must be PhD students at CEU in the advanced stage of their dissertation work (i.e. those who have already passed their comprehensive exam). Doctoral students on write-up grants are not eligible to apply.
- Fellowships are available for either 1 or 2 months during the Winter 2025 term (between January 1 and March 31, 2025).
- Fellows receive a net monthly stipend of 1000 USD to help support their stay in Budapest. In addition, fellows receive housing at the CEU Residence Center (Budapest, Kerepesi út 87). Health insurance and relocation/travel costs are not covered by the Fellowship.
- The IAS-Botstiber Fellowship is a residential fellowship. Fellows must reside in Budapest during their fellowship, participate in the intellectual life of the Institute and pursue their research agenda.

How to apply?

Deadlines:

Those who wish to start their fellowship on January 1, 2025 should submit their application by **December 1, 2024**.

Alternatively, those who wish to start their fellowship on February 1, 2025 (or later) should submit their application by **December 28, 2024**.

All applications must be submitted through the following online application form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eYLKMG9pAm>

Step 1: Prepare your **application package**: create a **single pdf file** no larger than 10 MBs containing all your application documents (itemized below). The name of the pdf file should contain your name and the type of fellowship you are applying for: Doe, Jane_Botstiber-IAS_Application.pdf.

Your **application package** should contain the following documents:

1. A letter of intent (max 1,000 words) – please make sure to discuss the type of research (archival, oral history, library, etc.) and/or the consultative work (with scholars at the IAS, the Democracy Institute or the Open Society Archive) you are planning to carry out during the fellowship period;



2. The abstract of the research project (max. 150 words);
3. A description of the research project (min. 1,000 – max. 2,000 words; the reference list is not included in the word count);
4. Copy of your most recent transcript;
5. Letter of confirmation of eligibility from the director of your PhD program (copy of email message will suffice).

Step 2: Go to the **Application Form** and fill in all your data as required:
<https://forms.office.com/e/W9YGUpDRFz>

Please note that the you need to login to your CEU account to access the form!

Step 3: As a final step, **upload** your application package (pdf file), and **submit** your application.

Please note that applications submitted in any other way than what is described in this Call will not be considered. Incomplete applications, when either the webform is not filled in or the pdf application package is not sent, will not be accepted. Upon successful submission, you will receive an automated email confirmation of receipt.

Applicants will be notified of the result of the evaluation process in December, 2024. **Please kindly note that the IAS will not share the results and details of the evaluation process with the applicants.**

For further information regarding your application and for more info on IAS CEU, please visit: <http://ias.ceu.edu/>; for more information on the BIAAS, please visit: <http://www.botstiberbiaas.org/>. Questions and comments may be sent to IAS_applications@ceu.edu before CEU closes for the holiday season on December 20, 2024.

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