

The Botstiber Fellowship in Transatlantic Austrian and Central European Relationships 2017/2018

Call for Applications

Deadline for Application: October 24, 2016

The Botstiber Foundation and the Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest (IAS CEU) are pleased to invite applications for the fellowship in Transatlantic Austrian and Central European Relationships for junior or senior research fellowships for the academic year 2017/18. Fellowships are available for all scholarly work related to the historical, political or economic, and cultural relationship between the United States and present-day Austria or the countries that historically make up the Austro-Hungarian or Austrian Empires and Central Europe. This joint fellowship seeks to strengthen further and make visible scholarship on imperial and post-imperial Austria and Habsburg Studies and on issues of transfer, migration, and exchange, as testified in Austria's and Central European special relationship to the United States, direct and indirect.

At the Institute for Advanced Study at CEU (IAS CEU), Botstiber Fellows will join outstanding junior and senior scholars from around the world, each conducting research related to their diverse disciplinary interests for a minimum of three months and a maximum of one academic year (9 months, October–June). Fellows are chosen by a rigorous selection process, which includes stages of pre-selection and peer reviews as well as a final decision made jointly by an independent, interdisciplinary and international Academic Advisory Board and the Botstiber Foundation. The Institute is committed to the pursuit of cutting edge interdisciplinary scholarship and will seek innovative research proposals. Young scholars with demonstrable promise of excellence will be considered; established senior scholars are expected to have solid records of first rate scholarship. A primary criterion for selection is the expectation that each fellow's stay at the Institute will yield original and significant research results.

IAS CEU provides a stimulating environment in which the 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.

They also benefit from CEU's vibrant international atmosphere, its strong ties in the CEE region and its location in culturally rich Budapest. CEU IAS facilitates the fellows' engagement with the CEU and the Hungarian scholarly community by encouraging collaborative projects, organizing joint public lectures, establishing student mentorship programs, and related activities.

IAS fellows enjoy access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services, and library resources. CEU library contains the largest English-language holdings in the social sciences and humanities in Central and Eastern Europe and has state-of-the-art electronic equipment and data retrieval tools. Moreover, the interlibrary loan system allows fellows to request literature from other relevant libraries as well, including major libraries in Vienna and Austria. The renowned Open Society Archives is an archive and center for research and education with collections and activities related to the period after the Second World War, the history of the formerly communist countries, human rights and war crimes.

Fellows live together in the [Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse](#), located in the historical Castle District of Buda, a World Heritage area and walking distance from the University and downtown Budapest. Most fellows have an office at IAS on university campus.

Scholars at IAS CEU receive a monthly stipend. Fellows must reside in Budapest during their fellowship year, participate in the intellectual life of the Institute and pursue their research agenda.

Qualifications, experience, eligibility

- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in the social sciences or humanities at the time of their application.
- Junior fellows must have obtained a Ph.D. degree issued in 2009 or later and must apply for the junior fellowship. Candidates who obtained their Ph.D. before 2009 are considered "senior" and must apply for the senior fellowship.
- Only those with publications in internationally recognized scholarly outlets are encouraged to apply.
- Full time CEU employees and students are not eligible to apply for 7 years after the ending of their studies/contract (degrees must be received and contracts must have ended by December 31, 2010 or earlier).

- Part time/temporary employees of CEU are not eligible for 3 years after their contract ended (their contract must have ended by December 31, 2013 or earlier).
- All nationalities are encouraged to apply for this type of fellowship.
- Former fellows of IAS CEU or former Collegium Budapest are not eligible to apply until a period of 7 years has passed since their previous fellowship. Applications may be considered only in exceptional cases.
- Applicants are expected to be able to communicate fluently in English as this is the working language of the Institute and CEU.

Terms and conditions

Fellows receive a net monthly stipend of 2,000 Euros to help support their stay in Budapest. In addition, all fellows and their families receive housing at the Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse (<http://ias.ceu.edu/raoul-wallenberg-guesthouse-0>). Utilities at the Guesthouse will be charged to the fellows. Fellows also receive a travel and a small research allowance but are responsible for their own healthcare provisions.

How to apply?

The deadline for application is October 24, 2016.

All applications must be received through our online application system.

Step 1: Register at this website: <https://studentinfo.ceu.hu/acad/ias/register.do>

Step 2: After registration, you will receive a password which you must use to fill out the application form and upload the required documents in pdf format here: <https://studentinfo.ceu.hu/acad/ias/login.do>

You may save your work, and log back in and submit it at a later time. All applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. (CET) on October 24, 2016.**

You will have to submit the following the material:

1. A completed online application form
2. A cover letter
3. The abstract of your research project (max. 150 words)
4. The description of your research project (min. 1,000 – max. 2,500 words)

5. A 10-15 page description of your research project, which includes a discussion on the state of your research (including references to publications if these exist already), research outline, theories and methods (including short bibliography), time schedule and work plan
6. A CV including a list of up to 5 (in case of junior applicants) and up to 15 (in the case of senior applicants) of your most important publications. For junior applicants ONLY: the name and email address of two referees (for potential reference).

Applicants will be notified when their applications have been received. Successful candidates will be informed between February and March 2017. All others will be notified of the result of the evaluation process by March 31, 2017 the latest. **We will not share reviews 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 Botstiber Foundation, please visit: <http://www.botstiber.org/>. You are also advised to visit the Frequently Asked Questions section at <https://ias.ceu.edu/frequently-asked-questions>.

CEU is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion.