

## **Kluge Center Fellowships**

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The Library of Congress invites qualified scholars to conduct research in the John W. Kluge Center using the Library of Congress collections and resources for a period of up to one year. Established in 2000 through an endowment of \$60 million from John W. Kluge, the Center is located in the splendid Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The Kluge Center furnishes attractive work and discussion space for Kluge Chair holders, for distinguished visiting scholars, and for post-doctoral Fellows supported by other private foundation gifts. Residents have easy access to the Library's specialized staff and to the intellectual community of Washington.

The Kluge Center especially encourages humanistic and social science research that makes use of the Library's large and varied collections. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, or multi-lingual research is particularly welcome. Among the collections available to researchers are the world's largest law library and outstanding multi-lingual collections of books and periodicals. Deep special collections of manuscripts, maps, music, films, recorded sound, prints and photographs are also available.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY.** Scholars who have received a terminal advanced degree within the past seven years in the humanities, social sciences or in a professional field such as architecture or law are eligible. Exceptions may be made for individuals without continuous academic careers. Applicants may be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals. Upon selection, foreign nationals will be assisted in obtaining the appropriate visa. To meet the minimum eligibility requirements, the degree must be formally awarded by the deadline date.

**TENURE & STIPEND.** Fellowships are tenable for periods from six to twelve months at a stipend of \$3500 per month for residential research at the Library of Congress. The constraints of space and the desirability of accommodating the maximum number of Fellows may lead to an offer of fewer months than originally requested. Fellows may be in residence at any time during the fourteen-month window between June 1 of the year in which the Fellowship is awarded and August 1 of the year following. Stipends will be paid monthly by the Library of Congress, by means of electronic transfer to a U.S. bank account.

**APPLICATIONS.** All application materials must be written in English. The Fellowship application requires a research proposal (no longer than three single-spaced pages) and one paragraph summary, a two-page curriculum vitae which should indicate major prior scholarship; and three letters of reference (in English) from people who know the quality of the applicant's scholarship. In the research proposal, applicants should indicate the collections of the Library of Congress that will be used for research.

**DUE DATE.** Applications (in nine copies) must be received at the Office of Scholarly Programs, Library of Congress by August 15, 2003.

**LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION.** For applicants whose native language is not English, there must be evidence that the applicant is fluent in English so as easily to conduct research, discuss

work with colleagues, and make a public presentation, although the ultimate product of the research may be written in the applicant's native language. For English speakers who seek to do research in the Library's foreign language collections, there must be evidence that they have a command of the relevant language or languages at the level requisite for serious research.

**EXPECTATIONS.** Kluge Fellows will give one public presentation of their research and provide a final report on their research and its results. Two copies of any ultimate product of this research (book, article, film, website, etc.) should be sent to the Library of Congress. Kluge Fellows will also have opportunities to meet with Library specialists and curators, and on occasion with Members of Congress and Congressional staff.

**AWARDS.** Up to twelve Kluge Fellowships will be awarded annually by the Library of Congress. Awards will be announced no later than March 15 of the year following that in which the application is due. For overseas Fellows, award letters will address visa questions and include a form which must be filled out and submitted to the Library of Congress to determine tax residency status and the potential for U.S. Federal income tax withholding. Scholars who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who do not already have a U.S. Social Security number will be required to submit a Form W-7 to the Internal Revenue Service to get an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) prior to commencing their fellowship at the library, regardless of the taxability of their income under this program or exemption under a treaty with the United States. Transportation arrangements are the responsibility of each Fellow. To cover transportation and other start-up costs, an amount of \$750 will be added to the initial stipend check for the United States and Canadian Fellows and \$1500 for overseas Fellows. Housing is not provided by the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress does not supply health insurance coverage but can provide contacts with commercial providers. Because the United States does not have a national health plan, if a selectee becomes ill or injured during the term of appointment, there is no provision for care.

**CONTACT INFORMATION.** Completed Applications, questions, and other requests for information should be sent to:

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