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# GAITHER JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

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# What is the



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- Founded in 1910, Carnegie is the oldest international affairs think tank
- A unique global network of policy research centers in Russia, China, Europe, the Middle East, and the US
- Their mission is to advance the cause of peace through analysis and development of fresh policy ideas and direct engagement and collaboration with decision-makers in government, business, and civil society
- Carnegie **does not**
  - Take institutional positions
  - Engage in lobbying
  - Is not involved in ideological advocacy

# What is the Gaither Juniors Fellow Program?

- Formerly called the Carnegie Junior Fellows Program
- A one-year fellowship, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington D.C.
- Fellows work as research assistants to the endowment's senior associates:
  - Conduct research for books
  - Co-author journal articles and policy papers
  - Participate in meetings with high-level officials
  - Contribute to congressional testimony
  - Organize briefings attended by scholars, journalists, and government officials

# GJF Program Benefits

- Junior fellows are currently \*paid a gross salary of \$3,291.67 per month (\$39,500 per year)
- A full benefits package is also provided, including medical, dental and life insurance as well as vacation leave
- Gaither Junior Fellows are responsible for their own housing arrangements
- Join notable Alumni such as:
  - Pulitzer Prize-winning author Samantha Power- U.S. Ambassador to the UN
  - George Stephanopoulos- Anchor of ABC's *Good Morning America* and *This Week* and previously the senior adviser to President Bill Clinton
  - Brian Deese- Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama administration
  - Evan Medeiros- Senior Director for Asian affairs at the National Security Council
  - Marcel Lettre- Principal Deputy under secretary of defense for intelligence in the Department of Defense

# Eligibility

- Must be graduating seniors or students who have graduated during the last academic year
  - No one who has started graduate studies is eligible for consideration (except in cases where the student has completed a joint bachelors/masters degree program)
- No minimum GPA to apply
- See additional project eligibility requirements

# Application Process

- Only 12-14 fellowships are available
  - Approximately 215 applications were received in 2016 from 137 institutions
- Applicants must choose **one** project assignment (see next slide and 2018-19 application packet)
- LMU may only nominate *up to* **two students** for the national competition

# 2018-19 Projects

## **Democracy and Rule of Law**

**U.S. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy** – *The Junior Fellow will support Ambassador William J. Burns, President of the Carnegie Endowment on research and writing that seeks to shape American diplomacy. Applicants should have coursework in U.S. foreign policy, broad-gauged regional interests, an interest in policy analysis and formulation, and superb writing skills.*

## **Nuclear Policy**

## **Cyber Policy Initiative**

## **Energy and Climate**

**Middle East Studies** – *Strong reading fluency and the ability to perform academic as well as on-line research in Arabic essential. Strong background in Middle East politics and/or history is a huge plus.*

**South Asian Studies** – *A strong academic background in international relations theory, political theory, or international political economy is essential, along with an interest in military issues. The ability to perform quantitative data manipulation is required and a strong mathematical background is a plus.*

**China Studies (Asia Program)** – *Mandarin Chinese reading skills a huge plus.*

**Japan Studies (Asia Program)** – *Japanese reading skills required.*

**Economics (Asia Program)** – *Mandarin Chinese reading skills a huge plus. Strong background in economics essential.*

**Russian/Eurasian Studies** – *Excellent Russian reading skills required.*

## **Geoeconomics and Strategy**

# How to Apply

- ❑ Email [ONIF](#) to request an application packet
- ❑ Research your GJF project assignment
  - Email questions to [jrfellowinfo@ceip.org](mailto:jrfellowinfo@ceip.org)
- ❑ Complete the application form
  - And ONIF's waiver form
- ❑ Draft your "Why do you want to be a GJF?" essay
  - One page or less, double spaced
- ❑ 1-2 page Resume/C.V.
- ❑ Unofficial transcript(s)
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation
  - Discuss via in-person meeting, email, or phone
  - Use the ONIF LOR Request Cover Sheet
- ❑ Project assignment essay (see application packet)
  - Three pages or less, double spaced
  - Topics are intended to test skills in analysis, logic, and written expression
  - It should be a thought piece, **not a research paper**



# Project Assignment Essay Topics

Applicants must respond to the question pertaining to the program to which they are applying.

- A. **Democracy and Rule of Law Program.** There is an intense and ever-growing debate within and among many countries over whether it is legitimate for outside actors (governmental as well as nongovernmental actors) to fund civil society organizations within a country. Set forward and elaborate what you believe are the strongest arguments in favor of and opposed to the view that foreign funding for civil society is legitimate. Be sure to consider different types of civil society activities and organizations that might receive such funding.
- B. **U.S. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy.** The Obama Administration looked to re-set relations with Russia, recast America's role in the Middle East, and rebalance its posture toward the Asia-Pacific. Each of these endeavors made some strides, but also ran into roadblocks. Choose one of these areas and describe the strategic logic behind the Administration's efforts, the results, and several lessons from the policy experience that ought to inform American diplomacy in the years ahead.
- C. **Nuclear Policy Program.** Which state without nuclear weapons do you believe is at most risk of acquiring them?
- D. **Cyber Policy Initiative.** Name and discuss five attributes of cyber weapons that make them unique from other types of weapons.
- E. **Energy and Climate Program.** Given the growth of big data and increasing calls for transparency, how do you see the energy and climate field changing in the future?
- F. **Middle East Program.** The Middle East region is going through a huge, agonizing and protracted transformation characterized by dwindling oil revenues, rising populations, failing governance structures and government services, rising extremism and sectarianism, and high youth unemployment. The current situation has enabled regional powers to intervene in each other's affairs as well as non-state actors such as the self-proclaimed Islamic State to emerge and spread new toxic ideologies. What do you see as one of the most difficult threats facing the region today and the underlying drivers of turmoil? Discuss the impact this has had on two countries in the region and strategies that will help move these countries toward a better future.

# Project Assignment Essay Topics

- G. South Asia Program.** (Please respond to just ONE of the two following questions). What factors explain why, in many democracies, poor people continue to receive poor public services, despite accounting for a large share of the population? **OR** Under what conditions is a military response an effective solution to transnational terrorism?
- H. China Studies (Asia Program).** The history of the interaction between a rising power and an existing great power suggests that the chances are high of a war occurring between the two. Does history in fact suggest that China, as a rising power, and the United States, as an existing great power, will more likely go to war than not? Use both references to history and the Sino-U.S. situation to support your argument.
- I. Japan Studies (Asia Program).** Prime Minister Abe's government has pursued a variety of reforms to its defense and security policies, including revising the National Defense Program Guidelines, creating a new structure for the National Security Council, developing a National Security Strategy, reinterpreting its ability to exercise the right of collective self-defense, and passing new legislation to reflect these changes. What are the key political and strategic drivers behind this push, what are the moderating factors, and what is important for U.S. policy makers to understand as they consider how to respond/react (balancing national security needs with regional foreign policy priorities)?
- J. Economics (Asia Program).** China is now experiencing a slowdown in economic growth. Is this likely to persist and what are the implications for the Asia region and for the US?
- K. Russia/Eurasia Program.** The U.S.-Russia relationship has plummeted to unprecedented post-Cold War lows. Can this downward trajectory be arrested? What are the key dangers in the current situation and how might the Trump Administration seek to prevent things from getting out of hand?
- L. Geoeconomics and Strategy Program.** (Please respond to just ONE of the two following questions). How can governments and the private sector work more effectively in the future to advance their national interests around the world? (Pick any one country as an example). **OR** Who benefits most, economically, from U.S. foreign, international economic and defense policy?

# Important Dates

- ✓ **December 1:** LMU Campus Application Deadline  
All application materials must be submitted to ONIF,  
including essays and letters of rec
- ✓ **December 11-15:** Campus interviews with ONIF
- ✓ **December 15:** ONIF will notify you if you have been nominated for the  
national competition
- ✓ **Mid January 15:** Gaither Junior Fellows Program National Deadline
- ✓ **February through early March:** Nationally-selected applicants interviewed
- ✓ **March 31:** National selections made and candidates notified

# Additional Resources

- Gaither Junior Fellows Website
- ONIF
- Faculty
- Career Professional Development
- Writing Center

# Questions

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