

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

KRAFT GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM, SPRING-2020

The Kraft Global Fellows Program is an initiative of the Kraft Family Fund for Intercultural and Interfaith Awareness and the Office of the University Chaplain. Applications are now being accepted for the January 2020 Kraft Global Fellows research trip to Turkey and the Columbia Global Center| Istanbul. The group research project will focus on the religions, cultures and communities of Istanbul. The project is designed and directed by Jewelnel Davis, University Chaplain and Associate Provost.

Funding for the program is from the Kraft Family Fund for Interfaith and Intercultural Awareness and the Office of University Chaplain; covered expenses include round trip airfare from NYC-JFK to Istanbul and return to NYC-JFK and lodging. Students must have a current passport that will not expire before June, 2020. Dates of the trip are Jan 02 through Jan 11th, 2020. Students will travel together to and from NYC. No exceptions.

Mission:

- Provide an opportunity for Columbia University students to add a global perspective to their Columbia University academic experience by utilizing the resources of the Columbia Global Centers. Moreover, for this year's program, we encourage the Fellows to explore relevant topics such as multi-faith interconnectivity and issues of diversity in Istanbul.
- Enrich the Columbia University community by creating opportunities for students to share their research, their experience, and the resources of the Columbia Global Centers once they return. Must be returning to campus for the Fall semester of academic year 2020-2021.
- Promote interfaith and cross-cultural experience at Columbia University.

Guidelines for Applications:

- Please send a letter detailing your interest in the Kraft Global Fellows Program group research trip; including a demonstrated interest in religion or interfaith understanding,
- Updated resume.
- Current list of student activities and leadership roles at Columbia University.
- Official transcript.
- Copy of your passport.
- Two letters of recommendation – at least one from your academic advisor and/or a faculty member.

Deadline for submission of these materials is **October 15, 2019** before 5:00pm.

Application Process:

- Please send these materials and any question to Denisse Pineda dp2583@columbia.edu
- Students are required to interview with Chaplain Davis and the KGF advisory group to discuss their interests in this group project. Interviews will be conducted on Nov 4th through Nov 7th.
- Only students that have submitted **All** of the requested materials by **October 15th** will be considered. **No exceptions.**
- No exceptions will be made for new passports or passport renewals.
- **Only students selected for interviews will be contacted on October 30th.**

Requirements:

- Fellows must be currently registered Columbia University undergraduate or graduate students. Students at affiliated institutions cannot be considered for the Kraft Global Fellows Program. Affiliated institutions (e.g. Barnard College, Union Theological Seminar and Teachers College) **cannot** be considered for the Kraft Global Fellows Program.
- Fellows should anticipate out-of-pocket expenses of approximately \$500. This includes personal needs items such as drinking water, hand sanitizers, motion sickness medication and computer travel adapters. Some meals, snacks and social activities will also be considered out-of-pocket expenses. **Students must pay for all travel vaccinations and medications they require.**
- Students will submit daily 2 page reflection papers to Chaplain Davis at chaplain@columbia.edu before 9:00pm beginning Jan 3rd through Jan 11th. On Jan 31st, 2020, each student will submit a 8-10 final paper (due before 5:00pm), which will include a description of the trip as well as a comprehensive analysis and reflection on major themes of learning from the experience.