
DOROT FOUNDATION SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies supports scholarship in the field of Holocaust studies; promotes the growth of Holocaust studies at American universities and the development of strong relationships between American and foreign scholars of the Holocaust; and seeks to ensure the ongoing training of future generations of scholars specializing in the Holocaust.

In the spring, the Center accepts applications for graduate student summer research assistantships. During the summer of 2004, full-time research assistants worked with the Center's scholars and program directors on one of five special projects:

- Providing research support for the work of the International Commission on the Holocaust in Romania, recently appointed by the President of Romania and chaired by Elie Wiesel (Romanian language skills were required) ;
- Translating and editing German entries into English for the Center's Encyclopedia of Nazi Camps, Ghettos and other internment sites (fluent German and English were required);
- Researching and Translating Hebrew and Yiddish sources for the Center's Encyclopedia of Nazi Camps, Ghettos and other internment sites (fluent Hebrew and Yiddish were required);
- Providing research support and translating documents for a publication on the Chisinau (Kishinev) ghetto (Romanian language skills were required);
- Working on the Center's new Jewish Source Study Initiative, which is designed to stimulate research and teaching about the efforts of Jewish individuals, organizations and communities to sustain Jewish life and reaffirm Jewish values during and after the Holocaust (Jewish Studies training was required)

Each assistantship lasted for two to three months (June, July, August 2004). Summer research assistants were paid a monthly stipend and the Center provided one roundtrip airline ticket to and from Washington, D.C. for travel within the United States. Applicants had to be currently enrolled in or admitted to a graduate degree program at a U.S. university. The Center will not provide visa assistance for non-U.S. citizens.

Application Procedure:

If you are interested in applying for a Dorot Summer Research Assistantship, please watch for the announcement that the Center is receiving applications in the spring. You will be asked to send your resume, a personal statement of no more than two pages in length, and one letter of recommendation from a faculty member or dean at your institution that speaks to your qualifications for one of the projects enumerated above. Your statement must specify which assistantship you are applying for (the projects for 2005 will be listed in the announcements) and explain the significance of the position to your professional and/or academic goals. Application materials are due in March. All applicants will be notified of the selection results in April.

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