

SUMMER RESEARCH WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOLARS
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (CAHS) of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) invites proposals from workshop coordinator(s) to conduct two-week research workshops at the Museum during June-August 2010.

Established in 1999, the Center's Summer Research Workshop program provides an environment in which groups of scholars working in closely related areas of study—but with limited previous face-to-face interaction—can gather to discuss a central research question or issue; their research methodologies and findings; the major challenges facing their work; and potential future collaborative scholarly ventures.

The Center welcomes proposals from scholars in all relevant disciplines including history, political science, literature, Jewish studies, philosophy, religion, comparative genocide studies, law, and others.

Workshops consist of two weeks of intensive discussion, culminating in a public presentation of the group's results. Morning sessions typically consist of presentations by participants on their particular research projects. Afternoon sessions alternate between (1) in-depth discussions of the overarching research issues, priorities, findings, and conclusions; and (2) workshop-based research using the Museum's collections. The final public panel consists of presentations on (a) the importance of the work and the scholarly rationale for convening the workshop; (b) the issues discussed, approaches taken, and resources used by the group during the two weeks; (c) the issues and source materials identified by the group as the most significant for future work; and (d) the group's collective results, findings, and conclusions.

Participants will have access for workshop purposes to more than 42 million pages of Holocaust-related archival documentation; the Museum's extensive library; oral history, film, photo, art, artifacts, and memoir collections; and Holocaust survivor database. Many of these sources have not been examined by scholars, offering unprecedented opportunities to deepen knowledge about the Holocaust and further advance the field of Holocaust studies.

For non-local participants, awards include (1) a stipend to offset the cost of direct travel to and from each participant's home institution and Washington, DC; (2) lodging for the duration of the workshop; and (3) \$500 toward the cost of incidental expenses, which will be distributed within 2-4 weeks of the workshop's conclusion. Local participants will receive a stipend of \$200 for the two weeks.

A staff scholar from the Center with expertise relevant to the proposed topic will be assigned to each workshop. The Center will also provide meeting space and access to a computer, telephone, facsimile machine, and photocopier.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Workshop Coordinator(s) assumes responsibility for assembling the application package, which should consist of:

- (1) A 5-10 page description of the potential study topic, including its significance and scope, the relationship of the research to other work in the field, and justification for convening the workshop at the present time at the Museum.
- (2) A list of 6-10 potential workshop participants, comprised of roughly 50% affiliated with North American institutions. Museum staff are not eligible. Geographic, disciplinary, and gender diversity is highly desirable. Only in exceptional circumstances may any one institution be represented by more than one scholar. Each group should contain a mix of doctoral candidates, junior scholars (within 5 years of obtaining their degrees), and tenured and senior scholars who have had not yet had the opportunity to work closely with one another in the past.
- (3) Two sets of proposed dates for the workshop.

The proposals will be evaluated according to their (1) potential contribution to scholarship in Holocaust studies; (2) potential to stimulate work in a new direction or productive area of research; (3) relationship to larger themes or issues in Holocaust studies; (4) diversity and appropriateness of the proposed participants (e.g., institutions, countries of residence, areas of expertise, scholarly advancement, and gender); and (5) potential for new publications, collaborative research, or research endeavors directly resulting from the workshop. No applications for under six or over ten participants will be considered.

Upon acceptance of a Workshop proposal, a CAHS scholar will work with the Workshop Coordinator(s) to finalize the dates and participants for the workshop. All participants must attend the entire workshop. Non-U.S. citizens will be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas to attend the workshop.

Applications must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2010. Selections will be announced in writing by March 1, 2010.

Applications and questions regarding this program should be addressed to: Dr. Suzanne Brown-Fleming, Senior Program Officer, University Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126 (Tel: 202-314-7802; Fax: 202-479-9726; E-mail: university_programs@ushmm.org).

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