The Office of the University Chaplain’s Kraft Global Fellows Program is an initiative of the Kraft Family Fund for Intercultural and Interfaith Awareness. At designated academic breaks, the Kraft Global Fellows Program will support up to four students who have a clear outlined research proposal to travel to one of the Columbia Global Centers (CGC) as a team to conduct research for a particular set of questions or inquiries. Generally, Chaplain Davis will serve as Program Director and will be present for some portion of the time. The application for the Nairobi, Kenya program for the summer of 2015 is due April 7, 2015.

Program Mission:

- Provide an opportunity for Columbia University students to utilize the resources at the Columbia Global Centers while engaging both their personal academic interests and the interests of the Kraft Family Fund, which include intercultural, interfaith, and ecumenical understanding. Moreover, for this year’s program, we encourage the Fellows to explore relevant topics such as poverty and socio-economics issues in Africa. Please see the proposed research themes attached below for more details.
- 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.
- Promote cross-cultural experience, help students understand global connections, and prepare for global leadership.
- Help Kraft Global Fellows, the community abroad, and Columbia communities explore connections between faith and culture, thereby enriching dialogue in a multitude of ways and places through the intrepid work of the Fellows.

Guidelines for Applications:

- The research proposal must be related to the approved research topics provided below.
- The research proposal must have a clear focus and method for the information-gathering and must be approved by the staff of the Global Center in Nairobi. For more information about projects that the Columbia Global Center |Africa is involved in, please visit their website: [http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/nairobi/content/staff](http://globalcenters.columbia.edu/nairobi/content/staff)

Parameters of the Funding:

- Funding will provide resources for airfare, basic transportation needs, and basic housing. Airfare will include a roundtrip ticket departing from JFK Airport in New York.
- Length of stay abroad will be no more than three weeks from Sunday, May 24 to Saturday, June 13th 2015.
- Fellows will be expected to fundraise or contribute funds from their own resources for additional travel expenses including food, admission fees, etc.

Application Process:

- Students are required to meet briefly with Chaplain Davis to discuss their proposal as well as obtain potential connections and strengthen their ideas before submission. To schedule this meeting, contact Suzanne Jung at sj2170@columbia.edu.
- Applicants will submit the application, a research proposal (1-2 pages), current transcript, and resume to Suzanne Jung, at sj2170@columbia.edu. The deadline for the application is Monday, April 7, 2015.
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Upon acceptance by the Office of the University Chaplain, the application must also be sent to the particular Columbia Global Center’s staff, who must also accept the proposal and state that they can support the student and the work.

Requirements:
Fellows must be currently registered Columbia University undergraduate, graduate, or professional students. Unfortunately, students at affiliated institutions cannot be considered for the Kraft Global Fellows Program.

Kraft Global Fellows are expected to:
• Conduct research and engage in cultural experience while visiting a Columbia Global Center for up to two weeks.
• Keep a journal during the experience and to work on projects as approved by staff of the Columbia Global Center and Chaplain Davis.
• Upon return from the trip, submit a 6-10 page Final Report, which will include description of the trip as well as a holistic analysis and reflection on major themes of learning from the experience.
• During the following semester, the Kraft Global Fellows will present their experience and their research learnings to audiences at Columbia University.
• Fellows will be expected to contribute some cost of the trip.

Application Information (Please print clearly)
1. Name: ____________________________________________

2. Local Address: _______________________________________

3. Phone: ___________________________ Columbia Email: ________________________

4. School/Year: ______________________________________

5. Please attach a copy of your resume, current transcript, and your 1-2 page research proposal.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________

All applicants being considered for the Kraft Global Fellows program are required to meet with the University Chaplain, Jewelnel Davis. Students will be notified of their selection. Feel free to contact the Office of the University Chaplain with any questions via Suzanne Jung at sj2170@columbia.edu or Chaplain Davis at chaplain@columbia.edu.

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Proposed Themes for Research

1) Millennium Villages Projects

Point of interests:
- Agriculture
- Water, Sanitation and hygiene
- Gender equality
- Education
- Environment
- Technology and training for better community health through the use of CommCare (software that assists in patient data collection and ultimately improves the quality of health workers)

2) Diversity and Cross-cultural issues in Kenya

3) Faith and Spirituality

4) Digital soil mapping for Africa

Columbia Global Center| Africa began implementing the next phase of the Africa Soils Information Services (AfSIS) Project in June 2013. The ultimate aim of the project is to use this data to empower small-holder farmers in Africa, by providing them with accurate recommendations on land use which will enable them to respond in ways which increase productivity whilst maintaining environmental sustainability and climate change adaption.

5) The socio-economic challenges in Nairobi slums: the case of Kibera

6) Access to mobile technology in Africa spurring social entrepreneurship and Economic Growth: The case of M-Pesa

Why does Kenya lead the world in mobile money? Can other countries emulate Kenya’s success?