

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

KRAFT GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

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 May 2018 Kraft Global Fellows research trip to Beijing, China and the Columbia Global Centers | Beijing. The group research project will focus on the religions, cultures and communities of Beijing. The project, led by Jewelnel Davis, University Chaplain and Associate Provost.

Funding for the program is from the Kraft Family Fund for Interfaith and Intercultural Awareness; covered expenses include roundtrip airfare from NYC-JFK to Beijing and return to NYC-JFK and lodging. Students must have a current passport that will not expire before November 1, 2018. Dates of the trip are May 17-27, 2018.

Program 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 Beijing.
- 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 and Spring semester of academic year 2018-2019.
- Promote interfaith and cross-cultural experience.
- Guidelines for Applications:
Please send a letter detailing your interest in the Kraft Global Fellows Program group research trip, an updated resume, a current list of student activities and leadership roles at Columbia University, an official transcript, a copy of your passport, and two letters of recommendation – at least one from your academic advisor and/or a faculty member. Deadline for submission of these materials is Friday, March 23, 2018 before 5:00pm.
- Please send these materials and any question to Denisse Pineda dp2583@columbia.edu

Application Process:

- 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 April 2nd through April 6th. Only students that have submitted all of the requested materials by March 23rd will be considered. Only students selected for interviews will be contacted on March 29th.

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 1-2 page reflection papers to Chaplain Davis at chaplain@columbia.edu before 9:00pm beginning May 18th through May 26th. On June 4th, 2018, each student will submit a 5-8 final paper (also due before 9:00pm), which will include a description of the trip as well as a comprehensive analysis and reflection on major themes of learning from the experience.