

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

KRAFT GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM, March 2024

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 **March 2024, Kraft Global Fellows Program** research trip to **Santiago**. The group research project will focus on the religions, cultures, and communities of **Chile, Santiago**. 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- to Chile, and lodging. Students must have a current passport that will not expire before **March 2024**. Dates of the trip are **March 7th – March 16th**. **Students will travel together to and from NYC. No exception.**

Mission:

- Provide an opportunity for Columbia University students to add a global perspective to their 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 Chile.**
- 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 the academic year 2024-2025**
- Promote interfaith and cross-cultural experience at Columbia University.

Guidelines for Applications: Please send the following.

- letter detailing your interest in the Kraft Global Fellows Program group research trip, including a demonstrated interest in religion or interfaith understanding. (600 word minimum)
- Updated resume.
- Current list of student activities and leadership roles at Columbia University.
- Official transcript.
- Copy of your passport
- Writing sample (**a body of written work – 600 words minimum**)
- Two letters of recommendation – at least one from your academic advisor and/or a faculty member (does not have to be a staff member from Columbia.)

Application Process: Please send these materials and any questions to Eb3334@columbia.edu

- Students are required to interview with Chaplain Davis and the KGF advisory group to discuss their interests in this group project.
- Only students that have submitted all of the requested materials by **January 17th, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** will be considered. No exceptions.
- No exceptions will be made for new passports or passport renewals.
- **Only students selected for interviews will be contacted.** Interview invitations will be sent in 2-5 business days.

Requirements:

Fellows must be currently registered as full time Columbia University undergraduate or graduate student. Online, Part-time, or 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 for personal items. Personal items include drinking water, hand sanitizers, motion sickness medication, computer travel adapters, etc. 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 midnight throughout the program. On **April 5th, 2024** each student will submit an **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.