

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

KRAFT GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM, January – 2023

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 **January 2023 Kraft Global Fellows** research trip to **Kenya and the Columbia Global Center | Nairobi**. The group research project will focus on the religions, cultures and communities of Kenya. 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-JFK to Nairobi, return to NYC-JFK, and lodging. Students must have a current passport that will not expire before January 2023. **Dates of the trip are January 6th through January 13th, 2023**. Students will travel together to and from NYC. **No exception. Completed application deadline is due on September 20th**.

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.
- 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 interfaith and cross-cultural experience at Columbia University.

Guidelines for Applications:

Please send a letter detailing your interest in the Kraft Global Fellows Program group research trip; including a demonstrated interest in religion or interfaith understanding.

- Updated resume.
- Current list of student activities and leadership roles at Columbia University.
- Official transcript.
- Copy of your passport
- Writing sample.
- Two letters of recommendation – at least one from your academic advisor and/or a faculty member

Application Process:

Please send these materials and any questions to Elmer Barcenes at eb3334@columbia.edu.

- Students are required to interview with Chaplain Davis and the KGF advisory group to discuss their interests in this group project. Those selected will receive a date for an interview.
- Only students that have submitted all of the requested materials by **September 20th** will be considered. No exceptions.
- No exceptions will be made for new passports or passport renewals.
- Only students selected for interviews will be contacted.

Requirements:

Fellows must be currently registered as full time Columbia University undergraduate or graduate students. 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 must be returning to campus for the academic year of 2023-2024.

Fellows should anticipate out-of-pocket expenses of approximately \$400. 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 2-page reflection papers to Chaplain Davis at chaplain@columbia.edu before 9:00pm on the days of the trip. On January 27th, 2023, 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.