

In the colloquium, the Program seeks to provide a bridge between intellectual exchange and cultural interaction by addressing current German public debates and arranging cultural excursions. In recent years, the Program has visited the Bundesbeauftragter für die Unterlagen der Staatssicherheit der ehemaligen DDR, Joachim Gauck, organized a panel discussion on Ausländerpolitik and discussed transatlantic relations with the Carsten D. Voigt, Coordinator for German-American Cooperation in the Foreign Office. Historian Hans-Ulrich Wehler discussed potentials and limits of Sozialgeschichte vs. Kulturgeschichte with us and we were able to welcome writers Christa Wolf, Emine Sevgi Özdamar and Jana Simon. Lectures by political scientist Klaus von Beyme, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg and Charlotte Frank, Schultes Architekten – architects of the Bundeskanzleramt, on Architecture and Politics gave Fellows the background for Charlotte Frank's guided tour through the Bundeskanzleramt (see photos below). Fellows are encouraged to make suggestions for future events.



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Request for Research Proposals in Advanced German and European Studies

The Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies was initiated by and established in 1986 at the Freie Universität Berlin and promotes a new generation of young North American scholars with specialized knowledge of modern and contemporary German and European affairs. The Program supports scholars in the social and political sciences, economics, modern and contemporary historians as well as Germanists interested in similar questions.

Fellowships are awarded for doctoral dissertation research as well as postdoctoral research leading to the completion of a monograph. The Berlin Program is a residential program which offers a stimulating academic environment that integrates research opportunities with intellectual and cultural interaction. An essential part of the Program is the bi-weekly colloquium, which brings together the North American fellows and leading German scholars. Fellows have access to Berlin's broader intellectual community and extensive libraries.

Eligibility and Terms

The program accepts applications from U.S. and Canadian nationals or permanent residents. Applicants for a dissertation fellowship must be full-time graduate students who have completed all coursework required for the Ph.D. and must have achieved ABD (all but dissertation) status by the time the proposed research stay in Berlin begins. Also eligible are U.S. and Canadian Ph.D.s who have received their doctorates within the past two calendar years.

Awards provide between ten and twelve months of research support and must be held for a single continuous period. Approximately twelve fellows are selected. The Berlin Program Fellowship stipends are EUR 1100 per month for fellows working on a dissertation project and EUR 1400 per month for fellows working on a

postdoctoral research project. The Program provides one round-trip airfare for the fellow between the fellow's residence at the time of award and Berlin. In addition, a generous travel allowance for intra-European research travel may be granted upon request.

Application and Criteria for Selection

Applications should include an explicit research proposal, listing the major questions or issues to be examined, hypotheses to be tested and work to be accomplished. The research design of proposals should be realistic in scope, clearly formulated, and responsive to theoretical and methodological concerns of a particular discipline, but must also be of demonstrable cross-disciplinary interest. Applicants should demonstrate a sound knowledge of the local context and the local research resources, i.e. specify why an extended period of research in Berlin is critical to the successful completion of their proposed research project. Applicants should show an appropriate level of training and skill to undertake the proposed research, including evidence of language fluency adequate to complete the project and participate in the colloquium at the Freie Universität Berlin which is conducted in German. All applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee of distinguished scholars from both sides of the Atlantic.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a single application packet consisting of completed application forms, a proposal, three letters of reference, language evaluation(s), and graduate school transcripts. Proposals should be no longer than 2,500 words or ten pages, followed by a one or two-page bibliography or bibliographic essay. All materials must be typed or computer-printed according to application instructions. Applications sent by fax or received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Fellows are selected by an international, multidisciplinary advisory committee of scholars and work closely with colleagues and senior scholars at all three major Berlin universities — Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, and Technische

Universität — and many of the capital's advanced study institutions, including Max Planck Institutes, and the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin.

Application Receipt Deadline : *December 1*
Announcement of Awards: *the following March*

Commencement of Fellowships

Fellows can choose to begin their research stay either in October (Wintersemester) of the selection year or in the following April (Sommersemester). Following the academic calendar in Berlin, the colloquium meets every other week during the lecture period, i.e. mid-October to February 20 in the winter semester and mid-April to July 20 in the summer semester.

The Berlin Program is administered in partnership with the German Studies Association (GSA) which supports the program's North American promotion and transatlantic selection processes. The GSA also offers Berlin Program Fellows and Alumni a chance to present their work at the annual GSA Conference. This year, two Berlin Program roundtables will address the topics *Colonial Past and Postcolonial Present: Reflecting on Race and Warfare in German Thought, 1890-2005* and *Representing Dictatorship: The Third Reich and the GDR*. For more information, please visit: www.thegsa.org

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