

Willingham 2020-2021 Research Fellowship **Information for Applicants**

The Willingham Fellowship is intended to give Williams students in this moment of potential transformation the opportunity to pursue a semester-long (fall or spring) independent student research project on race and inequality. The Fellowship, open to any Williams student, comes with a stipend of \$1,700 for an inquiry that is meaningful to a student and conducted outside of formal coursework. Although the work is not for course credit, it will be conducted in conversation with a faculty sponsor from the Political Science Department. In assessing applications, we will consider the quality of the proposal, the interest and significance of the topic, and the academic record or promise of the applicant.

Fellowship Requirements:

- A semester long research project of your own design on race and inequality.
- Roughly 8 hours per week of work on the project.
- Regular contact with your faculty advisor.
- Completion of the final project. In approaching a potential advisor and drafting your application you should think about how you want to tie your work together and what completion entails. The project may, but need not, culminate in a paper. It might instead end with some kind of public or multi-media presentation, a podcast, an annotated resource guide, an article for the *Record* or other publication, etc.

Please complete and submit all application questions using the Google Form by 5:00 p.m. on August 17.

If you have any questions regarding the process or fellowship, please contact Mark Reinhardt, chair of the Political Science Department, at mrein@williams.edu.

A. Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Class Year: _____

Current or intended major(s): _____

B. Please list their name of the Political Science advisor who has agreed to sponsor your project.

Name

C. Please respond to the following questions on attached, typed pages (please use 12 pt. font and single space your paragraphs):

1. Why did you select this particular faculty advisor and how do you plan to work with them? (~100 words)

2. Explain the research on race and inequality that you would like to conduct if you are awarded the fellowship. Please describe both the topic or problem you are examining and how you plan to investigate it. Please also explain why you find the subject personally interesting and how you see its broader significance. Note any relevant classroom, research, or political experience you have had as well as any longer-range goals doing this project might help you pursue (500-750 words). If you have a preliminary bibliography, please attach it; you need not include it in the word count.

By signing here, you are indicating that all of the information contained within this application is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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