

# THE JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

**Who are the Junior Fellows?** A small group of thirty-five talented and energetic juniors and seniors selected on the basis of their intellectual ability, the quality and promise of their proposed project, and their enthusiasm for discussion.

**Who may apply?** Any qualified student from any program on campus who will have completed 60 hours prior to the fall semester. Junior Fellows normally have a GPA of at least 3.7, but outstanding students whose abilities are manifested in other ways should not hesitate to apply. Although administered by the College of Liberal Arts, the program is open to all qualified students on campus. Many students from outside Liberal Arts are members.

**What does a Junior Fellow do?** Three things: (1) Each Fellow works on an independent research project under the direction of a UT faculty member, making at least one presentation of that project to the group as a whole; (2) Fellows are required to attend meetings of the group, held every other Thursday from 5 to 7 PM during both the fall and spring semesters. Besides project presentations, meetings feature discussions led by eminent scholars from on and off campus; and (3) Fellows have the opportunity to participate in field trips, seminars, and academic activities.

**What are some examples of Junior Fellows' projects?** "The Effects of Metabolism on Hummingbird Flight Characteristics"; "The Myth of the Texas Cowboy: A Photo-documentary"; "Anna Freud and The Hampstead War Nurseries: History, Social Policy and Children"; "A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. and Chinese Health Care Systems"; "Pricing the Internet"; "An Analysis of Socio-demographic Profiles of Gunshot Wound Patients"; "A Film Documentary of the Evolution of Tap Dance in America"; "The Experience of German Communities in Central Texas during WWI and WW2."

**How do I find a project topic?** Think back over your coursework, independent reading, and other activities in which you have been involved. Explore some idea that caught your interest but that you did not pursue at the time. To help you work through the possibilities, write down a few paragraphs about the topic. Do some general background reading to familiarize yourself with it, so that you know how manageable or involved the topic might be. Talk to faculty in the related fields for sources and information on your topic's place in their disciplines. Avoid topics that are too broad ("The Future of Education in America") or almost impossible to research ("Assessment of Saddam Hussein by Non-Baath Iraqi Citizens").

**Is it possible to earn academic credit for work done as a Junior Fellow?** Yes, by enrolling in the appropriate conference course with the supervising professor. For example, Humanities and Plan II majors usually use their senior theses as their Junior Fellows projects. Students pursuing Special Honors in their major use the honors thesis number. Other non-honors courses are also available, for example ARH 376, E 367C, CH 475K, RTF 336. Fellows should register for the course that is approved by their advisers, fits into their degree plans, and has the right format for the chosen topic.

**Is any financial aid available for Junior Fellows?** Yes. Funds are available to assist Fellows with expenses involved in their research. There is also some money available for Fellows who can demonstrate financial need.

**Where can I find out more about this program?** Application materials may be obtained from [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/honors\\_programs/junior\\_fellows/](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/honors_programs/junior_fellows/) or the Liberal Arts Honors Office, CLA 1.204, telephone 512-471-3458.

**Is there a deadline?** Yes. Applications are due on Friday March 23, 2017. Membership in Junior Fellows begins the fall semester of 2017.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUNIOR FELLOWS

Before proceeding with the application, remember that attendance at all meetings of the Junior Fellows is mandatory for all those in the program. Meetings are held every other week during both the fall and spring semesters, on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 in CLA 2.606.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS, DO NOT APPLY TO THE PROGRAM.

Your application must include all of the following items:

1. A completed copy of the application.
2. Updated résumé or CV. This document should include all experiences related to study abroad, leadership, research, and other extracurricular activities undertaken while at UT Austin.
3. A one-page, double-spaced, typed description of your proposed project, explaining its significance and how you intend to carry it out. You should also indicate your motivation and qualifications for working on the project.
4. A letter of recommendation from the UT faculty member who will be the supervisor of your project. The letter should be addressed to:

Junior Fellows Program  
Liberal Arts Honors Programs  
CLA 2.104 Campus G6210

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE IN THE LIBERAL  
ARTS HONORS OFFICE, CLA 2.104 BY 5:00 PM THURSDAY,  
MARCH 23, 2017.**

## APPLICATION FORM-JUNIOR FELLOWS

STAPLE THIS SHEET TO THE FRONT OF YOUR ONE-PAGE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UT EID: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

UT AUSTIN HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

UT AUSTIN GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFER HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFER GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT MAJOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SPACE BELOW, OR ON AN ATTACHED SHEET, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Fellow?
2. Given the supportive nature of the group, what qualities or experiences will you bring that will benefit other Fellows?
3. What is your general experience in new environments, including travel inside the US and abroad?