



**Woodrow Wilson  
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*Canada Institute*

## **Quebec Junior Scholars Program**

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is pleased to announce the 2009 Quebec Junior Scholar Program. A junior scholar from Quebec will be selected to carry out advanced policy-oriented research and writing designed to bridge the gap between the academic and policy communities.

### **The Woodrow Wilson Center**

Established by an act of Congress in 1968, the Wilson Center is the United States' official living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson. The Center is a nonpartisan institute for advanced study and a neutral forum for open, serious, and informed dialogue. It brings pre-eminent thinkers to Washington to interact with policymakers through a large number of programs and projects. The Center seeks to separate the important from the inconsequential and to support research that focuses on the historical and broader perspectives of the issues important to the world today.

### **Eligibility**

This competition is open to Canadian citizens resident in Quebec and currently attending Quebec universities. Candidates must be currently pursuing archival and other research on issues related to Quebec-U.S. relations, Canada-U.S. relations, or on a U.S. policy issue.

Competition for the Quebec Junior Scholars Program is open to anyone currently pursuing a Ph.D., presently working on a doctoral dissertation, as well as those who have recently completed a doctoral dissertation.

The Junior Scholar must be able to hold a valid passport and J-1 visa and is required to have health insurance; the Wilson Center can suggest insurance companies that can provide the appropriate health insurance.

Applicants must be proficient in both written and spoken English in order to take full advantage of the National Archives, the Library of Congress, Presidential Libraries, and other research opportunities in the United States.

### **Benefits/Responsibilities of the Quebec Junior Scholar**

The Quebec Junior Scholars will be in residence at the Woodrow Wilson Center for an 8 to 10 week period during the months of June, July, and August 2009 and will be provided a stipend of US\$5,000, and up to US\$1,000.00 in travel expenses to and from Washington, DC. In addition, the Quebec Junior Scholar will be provided a work station or office at the Center to include desk, telephone, and Windows-based computer with internet access. The scholar will also have access to research assistance that is regularly offered to scholars in the Center's library. The Wilson Center Library provides access to digital resources, its book and journal collections, and to the Library of Congress, university and special libraries in the area, and other research facilities.

While at the Wilson Center, the Quebec Junior Scholar will be expected to carry out a full schedule of rigorous independent research and writing based on the topic outlined in the research proposal submitted at the time of application. The scholar will also be encouraged to participate in workshops, seminars, and conferences organized by the Center's Canada Institute, in addition to contributing to the intellectual life of the Wilson Center and the larger community of Canada watchers in Washington.

Although the Quebec Junior Scholar is responsible for locating her or his own housing in the Washington, D.C. area, the Center provides written material to help facilitate the search process.

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection of the successful candidate will be based on the following criteria:

- a) significance of the proposed research, including the importance and originality of the project;
- b) quality of the proposal in definition, organization, clarity, and scope;
- c) capabilities and achievements of the applicant; and
- d) relevance of the project to contemporary policy issues.

A panel of outside experts will have responsibility for reviewing applications and making recommendations for appointment to the Woodrow Wilson Center's President and Director.

### **Procedures and Deadline for Applications**

Applicants should submit the following materials electronically to [Canada@WilsonCenter.org](mailto:Canada@WilsonCenter.org) or by fax to the Quebec Junior Scholar Program at 202-691-4001:

- a) a brief (3-5 single-spaced pages) description of the proposed research project, its scholarly contribution, and its policy relevance. Project descriptions should include:
  - a detailed explanation of the research topic;
  - discussion of the project's originality;
  - discussion of the methods, approaches, sources, and materials to be used, and the importance of Washington-area resources; and
  - discussion of the significance of the project as well as its relevance to contemporary Quebec-U.S.- or Canada-U.S.-related policy issues;
- b) a current C.V. or resume;
- c) proof of residence in Quebec;
- d) two letters of recommendation, preferably not from the same institution.

Applicants should request that the two letters of recommendation be sent to [Canada@WilsonCenter.org](mailto:Canada@WilsonCenter.org) or by fax to the Quebec Junior Scholar Program at 202-691-4001. Recommendation letters should address the quality of the research proposal; the significance of the proposed research; the capabilities and achievements of the applicant; the relevance of the project to contemporary Quebec-related policy issues; and the applicant's facility with written and spoken English.

Applications for the Quebec Junior Scholar position must be received by **March 14, 2009**.

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