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Call for Applications: NPIHP Wikipedia Fellow

The Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP) seeks an individual with a demonstrated interest in the history of nuclear proliferation to improve the quality of information on Wikipedia related to nuclear history. As a part of its larger mandate, the project seeks to both improve access to primary source archival materials regarding the history of nuclear proliferation and ensure that both academic researchers and the general public may access high quality, well-sourced research on nuclear history.

NPIHP continues to expand and maintain an extensive [Digital Archive](#) that makes important documents—once hidden in distant archives—easily accessible. Most visitors find their way to the Digital Archive via Wikipedia. However, many relevant Wikipedia pages on nuclear history contain outdated information, are poorly sourced, or only discuss only a small portion of their topic's scope. Because Wikipedia has become the primary reference for the public, policy officials, and specialists alike, it is vital that deficiencies in Wikipedia's coverage of nuclear history be addressed.

NPIHP seeks a Wikipedia fellow as part of a pilot program to lay the foundation for an ongoing, concerted effort to improve Wikipedia coverage of nuclear history through a number of strategies, including the creation of a nuclear history WikiProject.

Duties:

- The fellow will be primarily responsible for the creation of a nuclear history WikiProject to build a foundation for future NPIHP efforts.
- The fellow will be expected to write both substantial updates to existing low-quality articles and author new articles as needed.
- The fellow will conduct outreach with existing communities of nuclear history scholars and online constituencies to grow the nuclear history WikiProject.
- The fellow will be expected to gain a thorough understanding of Wikipedia's editing process and become a thoughtful and meaningful contributor to Wikipedia over the course of the fellowship.

Compensation:

The fellow will be expected to work one full day per week for a two month period on the project in exchange for a USD 1,000.00 stipend. Successful fellows may be invited to extend their term or expand their commitment. The Wilson Center will provide institutional support and intern time to help support the fellow during their efforts. This position does not include residency or affiliation with the Wilson Center. Applicants residing in the United States must hold US citizenship or appropriate work authorization.

Application Process:

Interested parties should contact Evan Pikulski (Evan.Pikulski@Wilsoncenter.org) for further information. Please include a current CV in your email and a brief summary of your experiencing using and editing Wikipedia