

THE WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

President Woodrow Wilson wrote, “The man who has the time, the discrimination, and the sagacity to collect and comprehend the principal facts, and the man who must act upon them, must draw near to one another and feel that they are engaged in a common enterprise.”

Created by the Congress of the United States in 1968 as the nation’s official memorial to its 28th president, the Center seeks to commemorate both the scholarly depth and the public concerns of Woodrow Wilson through its program of advanced research. The Center emphasizes breadth of representation in its international company of fellows, and an active life of dialogue—within the Center and within Washington. The Center offers a forum for the widest diversity of views and encourages free and lively debate among them.

It is this continuing dialogue between public affairs and scholarship which makes the Center unique. The Center distinguishes itself from policy institutions in its consideration of issues in a broader and more reflective manner beyond a narrow analysis of current crises and policy options; at the same time the Center differs from academe in linking the worlds of learning and of public policy.

In addition to its residential fellowship program, the Center conducts conferences and seminars and disseminates the content of these meetings and of fellows’ research through *The Wilson Quarterly*, *Centerpoint* (the Center’s monthly newsletter), *Dialogue* (the Center’s radio and television programs), and the Woodrow Wilson Center Press which has copublishing arrangements with Cambridge University Press, the Johns Hopkins University Press, and Stanford University Press.

Further information on these and other activities, as well as a current list of scholars in residence, can be found on the Center’s website, <http://www.wilsoncenter.org>.

The Woodrow Wilson Center stands as a unique monument in a city of monuments, a living memorial to the 28th president of the United States. At its core, the Center remains a place of intellectual excellence, a place where top scholars, exceptional thinkers, and outstanding leaders in a variety of fields, from across this country and around the world, come to reflect, to write, and to exchange ideas with others in the nation’s capital.

—LEE H. HAMILTON, DIRECTOR,
WOODROW WILSON CENTER

Kennan Institute Title VIII Research Scholarships

Deadline	Notification
December 1	Early March

Title VIII Research Scholarship applications should be sent to:

Title VIII Research Scholarship Program
Kennan Institute
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1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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World Wide Web: <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan/>

The Kennan Institute's interdisciplinary focus has offered a particularly rewarding experience. I have benefited greatly from meeting scholars from all over the world and attending their presentations and other topical events. The Kennan Institute's seminars and lectures were very interesting and always thought-provoking. They helped me grow as a professional historian and allowed me to deepen my understanding of my research subject by analyzing it from different perspectives.

**—ALEXANDER Y. PETROV,
JANUARY–JULY 2008**

THE KENNAN INSTITUTE

The Kennan Institute was founded in December 1974 as a division of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars through the joint initiative of Ambassador George F. Kennan, then Wilson Center Director James Billington, and historian S. Frederick Starr. The Woodrow Wilson Center, the nation's official memorial to President Wilson, was established by legislation in 1968. The Center is an international, interdisciplinary scholarly institute which fosters scholarship in the humanities and social sciences and encourages dialogue between the disciplines and the professions. The director of the Kennan Institute reports to the director of the Woodrow Wilson Center and receives guidance from the Kennan Institute Advisory Council.

Named in honor of Ambassador Kennan's relative, George Kennan "the Elder," a nineteenth-century explorer of Russia and Siberia, the Kennan Institute is committed to improving American expertise and knowledge about Russia and the former Soviet Union. It is one of several area studies programs of the Woodrow Wilson Center. The Institute offers residential research scholarships in the humanities and social sciences to academic scholars and specialists from government, the media, and the private sector. An international peer-review competition ensures that the Institute promotes the most creative research in the field. All Fellows, together with Senior, Public Policy, Fulbright-KI Research, Title VIII Research, and Short-term Scholars work at the Kennan Institute for the duration of their fellowships. Thanks to its location in Washington, D.C., the Institute provides its scholars with access to libraries, archives, research facilities, and human resources that are among the finest available in the United States.

In addition to its residential scholar programs, the Institute also administers an active program of public lectures featuring scholars and public figures from America, Russia, and other successor states to the Soviet Union. In order to extend the benefits of its residential scholar and public lecture programs, the Institute makes the results of its activities known in a variety of publications, including meeting reports, occasional papers, special reports, and commercially published books. The Institute also publishes reference volumes to assist scholars in their research in the United States and abroad. The majority of Kennan Institute publications are available free of charge and are regularly distributed to university libraries throughout the United States, Europe, and Russia.

The Kennan Institute, as part of the Woodrow Wilson Center, is a non-partisan institution that values its independence from the world of politics. Unlike most academic research centers, however, it seeks to promote dialogue between academic specialists and policymakers. To this end, the Institute brings scholars and governmental specialists together to discuss political, social, and economic issues affecting Russia and the other nations of the former USSR, seeking always to place these issues within their historical context.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Title VIII Research Scholarships lasting three to nine months are available to academic participants in the early stages of their career (before tenure) or scholars whose careers have been interrupted or delayed. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. Eligibility is limited to the postdoctoral level for academic participants, although doctoral candidates in the process of completing a dissertation may apply (the dissertation must be successfully defended before taking residence at the Kennan Institute). Research proposals examining the countries of Central Eurasia are eligible. Those proposals related to regional Russia, the successor states of the Soviet Union, and contemporary issues are particularly welcome. **Awards are limited to scholars who are U.S. citizens.**

I could not have imagined a better post-doctoral year for my development as a scholar.

—LEYLA KEOUGH,
JUNE 2008

STIPEND

The Research Scholar grant offers a stipend of \$3,300 per month. Scholars are also provided access to research facilities, computer support, and some research assistance. Grant recipients are required to be in residence at the Institute in Washington, D.C. for the duration of their grant. The Title VIII Research Scholar Program is supported by the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) of the United States Department of State.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

One round of competitive Title VIII Research Scholar selection is held per year. **The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting materials is December 1.** Applicants will be notified of decisions in early March; grantees are able to commence their appointments as early as July of that year. Please note that continuation of the Research Scholar program each year is contingent on future funding.

You may download application forms from our website, **www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan** under the heading “Documents and Papers.”

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Application

A complete application must include the following:

1. The enclosed two-page application form.
2. A list of your publications (not to exceed three pages).
3. A project proposal (not to exceed 2,000 words).
4. A one-page bibliography for the project.
5. Three letters of recommendation (see below for details).

DEADLINE

All application materials must be received by December 1.

Send all materials to

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In addition to the original, please submit five collated unstapled copies of all items except recommendation letters, which should be submitted directly to the Kennan Institute. Do not send sample publications. Applications submitted by facsimile transmission or electronic mail will not be considered.

The project proposal of no more than 2,000 words is the most important element in the selection process. It is essential to make your project clear to individuals outside your own field and to explain its broader implications. The elements requested below should be incorporated into the text:

1. A detailed description of the topic and its policy relevance beyond the interests of the specific field of study.
2. The originality of the proposed study.
3. The basic ideas and hypotheses.
4. The methods or approaches to be used.
5. The materials that will be drawn upon, and where appropriate, the importance of Washington-area resources.
6. A brief discussion of how you or your project will foster communication between the world of ideas and the world of public affairs.

Letters of Recommendation

It is your responsibility to have three signed letters of reference sent directly from referees to the Kennan Institute by the deadline. Letters may be sent by mail or fax but not by electronic mail. Your referees should be familiar with you and your work. Along with a copy of your proposal, you should send to your referees a copy of the enclosed letter of instruction to referees, which they can use in preparing their comments about your proposed study and your qualifications for undertaking it. They may also comment upon how you and your work would contribute to the Center's goal of bridging the gap between the worlds of scholarship and public affairs.

 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

Address to which correspondence should be sent:

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____
DAY/MONTH/YEAR

Sex: _____
M O R F

Professional title and institutional affiliation:

Proposed length of fellowship (between three and nine months): _____ months

Field of Study:

Please list name, title, and institutional affiliation for each referee. Please ask your referees to send their recommendations directly to the Kennan Institute by December 1st.

Title of project:

100-word precis of attached project proposal and its significance:

[illegible]

_____	_____	_____
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL

Education

	DATE	INSTITUTION	MAJOR FIELD
B.A./B.S.	_____	_____	_____
M.A./M.S.	_____	_____	_____
Ph.D.	_____	_____	_____
Title of your Ph.D. dissertation	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

Professional/Occupational Experience: List current position first.

DATES	ORGANIZATION	POSITION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Fellowships/Honors: List most recent first.

Language

If English is not your native language, indicate your degree of fluency in English, using Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor:

_____	_____	_____
READING	SPEAKING	WRITING

In what languages relevant to your proposal are you proficient?

Certification:

By signing below, I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.

_____	_____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

Name of Applicant _____

To the Reviewer:

The person named above has applied for a Title VIII Research Scholarship at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to undertake the attached project proposal. The applicant has identified you as one of the three individuals who are familiar with the applicant's work and qualifications and who would be asked to comment specifically on the proposed study and the applicant's ability to undertake it.

We would appreciate receiving from you a full and candid evaluation both of the candidate and of the proposed study project. The basic criteria for selection of scholars are: 1) the importance and originality of the project (the quality of the project proposal and the degree to which the key questions have been identified, and a promising approach outlined), 2) the policy relevance of the project, 3) the applicant's scholarly promise, capabilities, achievement, and the ability to accomplish the proposed project, and 4) the likelihood that the work, when completed, will advance basic understanding of the topic under study and represent a substantial contribution to the body of knowledge about it.

You should be aware that the Kennan Institute and the Wilson Center strive to encourage active scholarly dialogue and the exchange of views and perspectives among resident scholars, and between them and the public at large (in particular, the policy community). While working on their projects, scholars are members of an intellectual community who are encouraged to participate in the institutional life of the Wilson Center in both formal and informal ways, ranging from informal conversations to involvement in the Center's meetings, colloquia, and conferences. It is with this background in mind that we ask for your opinion as to whether the applicant would contribute to the community life of the Institute and of the Center as a whole.

Please mail or fax your signed letter of recommendation by the deadline of December 1 directly to the Kennan Institute. Letters of recommendation are crucial to the evaluation process, and we, no less than the candidates themselves, appreciate the care and attention that you will have devoted to the matter.

Sincerely,

Blair A. Ruble
Director

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