

## **Galina Starovoitova Fellowship at the Kennan Institute—Instructions for Applicants**

This document contains instructions and the application form for the Kennan Institute Galina Starovoitova Fellowship. Please take a moment to review the various research grants offered by the Kennan Institute on our web site: ([www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/kennan)). After reviewing the list, should you decide that you would rather apply for one of the Institute's other grant programs, please download the proper application form. Please keep in mind that **the Starovoitova Fellowship, which is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, is restricted to citizens of the Russian Federation who are residing in Russia at the time of application.** Applicants must be eligible to obtain a J-1 exchange visitor visa.

In keeping with both the legacies of Woodrow Wilson and Galina Starovoitova, the Starovoitova Fellowship is available to prominent scholars and policy makers from the Russian Federation who have successfully bridged the worlds of ideas and public affairs to advance human rights, the rule of law, conflict resolution, the free press, and civil society. Applicants with outstanding capability and experience from a wide variety of backgrounds (including government, journalism, the professions, NGOs, and academia) are eligible for appointment. For academic participants, eligibility is limited to the postdoctoral level, and normally it is expected that academic candidates will have demonstrated their scholarly development by publication beyond the *Kandidat* dissertation. For other applicants, an equivalent level of professional achievement is expected. The Kennan Institute is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment, and encourages applicants of all backgrounds to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for fellowships based solely on their merits.

Under the terms of the grant, the Galina Starovoitova Fellowship offers a monthly stipend of \$3,500, research facilities, computer support, and research assistance. Grant recipients are required to be in residence at the Kennan Institute in Washington, D.C. for the duration of their grant. Starovoitova Fellows are expected to hold public lectures on the themes of conflict resolution and human rights while conducting research on a specific topic. In addition, Starovoitova Fellows will actively participate in discussions with the public policy and academic communities, including giving speeches and lectures at other institutions and taking part in meetings and conferences.

### **The Application**

A complete application must include the following:

1. the following application form
2. a project proposal with title (not to exceed 2,000 words)
3. a one-page bibliography for the project
4. a list of your publications (not to exceed three pages)
5. a curriculum vitae
6. two letters of recommendation

**This PDF is fillable, but applications may either be submitted in hard-copy by post or completed electronically and sent as PDF files by e-mail. Do not send sample publications.**

THE PROJECT PROPOSAL OF NO MORE THAN 2,000 WORDS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. It is essential that you make your project clear to individuals outside your own field and to explain its broader implications, including policy relevance.

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 methods or approaches to be used,

4. a brief discussion of how your project will foster communication between the world of ideas and the world of public affairs
5. the feasibility of completing your project in the time proposed

### **Letters of Recommendation**

It is your responsibility to have two signed letters of reference sent directly to the Kennan Institute by the deadline. Scanned copies of signed letters sent to us by email are acceptable. 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, 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.

### **Deadline: All application materials must be received by May 15.**

Applications will be reviewed by an expert committee. Successful applicants will proceed to a second round of selection, consisting of an interview. Final results will be announced during the summer.

All materials should be sent to:

Galina Starovoitova Fellowship  
Kennan Institute  
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004-3027  
**E-mail:** [kennan@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:kennan@wilsoncenter.org)

For information only:

Telephone: (202) 691-4100  
Fax: (202) 691-4001

## **BACKGROUND: THE GALINA STAROVOITOVA FELLOWSHIP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

The Galina Starovoitova Fellowship on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution was established following U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's 25 January 1999 speech in Moscow in which she announced funding for a memorial fellowship at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in honor of Galina Starovoitova. The Fellowship is funded and administered in cooperation with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and the Public Affairs office of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Galina Starovoitova was a leading human rights advocate and a deputy in the Russian lower house of parliament (Duma). She won her Duma seat from St. Petersburg in Russia's December 1995 legislative elections. Starovoitova served in the Congress of Peoples' Deputies during 1989-91 and was a presidential advisor on ethnic relations until 1992. She was a co-founder of the Democratic Russia movement. In 1989, Galina Starovoitova was a visiting scholar at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She was also a fellow in the Jennings Randolph fellowship program at the United States Institute for Peace during 1993-94, where she completed research on self-determination movements in the former Soviet Union, and a visiting professor at Brown University.

**Please note that awards are dependent on continued funding by the United States Department of State**

**GALINA STAROVOITOVA FELLOWSHIP**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**PERSONAL DATA** (*Please complete using Latin letters. Write your name as it appears on your international passport.*)

<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
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Home Address:

Work Address:

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Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Professional title and institutional affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
*month/day/year M or F*

Proposed dates of fellowship \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

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**100-WORD PRECIS OF ATTACHED PROJECT PROPOSAL AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE**

EDUCATION	Date	Institution	Major Field
Undergraduate (B.A./B.S.)	_____	_____	_____
Kandidat Nauk (Ph.D.)	_____	_____	_____
Title of Dissertation	_____		
Doktor Nauk	_____	_____	_____
Title of Dissertation	_____		
Other	_____		
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**PROFESSIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE** (*List current position first*)

Dates	Organization	Position
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**FELLOWSHIPS/HONORS RECEIVED** (*List most recent first*)

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS** *Please rate English language ability, using the terms **Excellent**, **Good**, **Fair**, and **Poor**.*

Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
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**REFERENCES** *(Please ask your referees to send their recommendations directly to the Kennan Institute by the deadline.)*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Occupation*
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Occupation*

**OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAMS TO WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS APPLIED OR IN WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE PAST**

Program Name	Date of Application	Location of Program, Dates of Program <i>(if applicable)</i>
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**ARE YOU CURRENTLY APPLYING TO ANY OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM?**

\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_ NO

If yes, please indicate to which program you are applying:

- \_\_\_ Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP)  
 \_\_\_ Regional Scholar Exchange Program (RSEP)  
 \_\_\_ Contemporary Issues Fellowship (CI)  
 \_\_\_ Fulbright Program  
 \_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance. If selected, I agree to comply with all regulations of the Galina Starovoitova Fellowship Program and to return to my home country upon completion of my fellowship. I understand that my fellowship may be terminated for giving false information, for general misconduct, or for any other reason. I understand that this fellowship excludes accompanying spouse and/or children.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_

The person named above has applied for the Galina Starovoitova Fellowship at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. This fellowship program was first announced by the U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Moscow on January 25, 1999. In keeping with the legacy of Galina Starovoitova, the Starovoitova Fellowship is available to prominent scholars or policy makers from the Russian Federation who have successfully bridged the worlds of ideas and public affairs to advance human rights the rule of law, conflict resolution, the free press, and civil society. Each year, a Starovoitova Fellow is chosen to be in residence at the Kennan Institute to conduct research on projects related to those fields.

The applicant has identified you as someone 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 to the fields of human rights and conflict resolution (the quality of the project proposal and the degree to which the key questions have been identified and a promising approach outlined), 2) the applicant's scholarly capabilities, achievement, and the ability to accomplish the proposed project, and 3) 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 also be aware that the Kennan Institute and the Wilson Center strive to encourage active scholarly dialogue and exchange of views and perspectives among fellows and between them and the public at large. While working on their projects, fellows are also 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 send your letters of recommendation by the deadline of **May 15** directly to the Kennan Institute. Please send a scanned copy of your letter to ([kennan@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:kennan@wilsoncenter.org)). 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,  
Matthew Rojansky  
Director