USC UNESCO FELLOWS
PARIS, FRANCE

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This highly selective program will result in a total cohort of 10 Fellows being assigned to Paris. These will reflect a mixture of students from USC, Penn State, Georgetown, Salisbury, UCLA, Oregon, Wisconsin, and George Washington University.

Prior to arrival at UNESCO Headquarters, all Fellows will take part in approximately 40-60 hours of pre-departure training, interaction with UNESCO staff, and other professional preparation designed to ensure Fellows immediately, and significantly, contribute to UNESCO programs at the highest level.

**HOST INSTITUTION:**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) works to create the conditions for dialogue among civilizations, cultures and peoples based upon respect for commonly shared values. It is through this dialogue that the world can achieve global visions of sustainable development encompassing observance of human rights, mutual respect and the alleviation of poverty, all of which are at the heart of UNESCO’s mission and activities. The broad goals and concrete objectives of the international community—as set out in the internationally agreed upon development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—underpin all UNESCO’s strategies and activities. UNESCO’s mission is to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.

The main focus area for this cohort of Fellows will be assisting in research, program, and policy development related to preventing violent extremism (PVE). Within this broad topic and context, UNESCO is interested in Fellows with expertise and interest in gender issues, social/psychological development, educational programming, cultural/historical studies, youth development, legal studies, natural sciences, sustainable development, communications, STEM/STEAM education for women and girls, and other related areas. These correspond to the major focus sectors within UNESCO (Education, Natural Sciences, Communication and Information, Social and Human Sciences, and Culture).

**COSTS, SUPPORT, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**TRAVEL AND LODGING:** Travel arrangements, living expenses, and the arrangement of lodging in Paris will be the responsibility of the selected UNESCO Fellows.

**FUNDING:** The Levan Institute’s UNESCO Chair will match Penn State funds for a total of $4,000 to help Fellows offset some of the costs of this professional development experience. The remaining costs are the responsibility and investment of the Fellows themselves.

**NATIONALITY OF FELLOWS:** The UNESCO Fellows opportunity will be open to students of all nationalities. They are not required to be US Citizens.

**VISAS:** UNESCO is exploring the best types and logistics for Fellows visas. Options will be finalized and visa applications will begin in October/November. UNESCO will most likely be the sponsoring entity.

**INSURANCE:** So long as students are registered for, and working towards, some level of credit while doing the fellowship, they may be self-registered for international health insurance.
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***APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15***

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**
It is essential that Fellows represent USC at the highest standards. To help ensure this high level of professional performance, the following qualifications are desired:

- Current upper level Dornsife College undergraduate student or very recent graduate.
- Students participating in good standing in the Levan Undergraduate Scholars Program are given first priority.
- Background in conflict resolution, communications, STEM/STEAM education for women and girls, PVE education, gender issues, social/psychological development, educational programming, cultural/historical studies, youth development, legal studies, natural sciences, sustainable development, human rights, international relations, international law, project management or relevant discipline in the social and human sciences;
- A strong interest and knowledge in intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations and related agencies;
- Ability to work in a multicultural team, to be proactive, and to take initiative when necessary;
- A desire to perform above, and beyond, work and professional expectations;
- A demonstrated interest in international work in the prevention of conflict, violence, and extremism or other areas supported by the UNESCO mission;
- Demonstrated qualities of maturity, professionalism, organizational ability, the ability to manage new places and people, and individuals who have the character and personality to honorably represent USC to UNESCO; and
- Fluency in one of UNESCO’s languages in addition to English is highly desirable.

**APPLY NOW FOR THE 2019 UNESCO FELLOWS PROGRAM!**

Interested students must submit the following application materials electronically as a single PDF file to Dr. Lyn Boyd-Judson, UNESCO Chair (lynboyd@usc.edu) by the end of day 15 May 2018. Students will be selected for interviews, and ultimately selection, as Fellows based on the quality of the following criteria:

1. A completed application form (see next page for questions)
2. A detailed personal essay describing the student’s interests in this program, familiarity with UNESCO, experience/training relevant to the program, their ability to proudly represent USC, and the contributions they seek to make to as part of this program
3. A CV/Resume documenting the student’s academic and professional training, experiences, and other relevant professional information
4. A summary of academic performance, cumulative academic GPA, and unofficial transcript
5. Two (2) faculty references

Questions should be directed to Isabella Carr, Levan Institute Assistant Director, at carrir@usc.edu.

**Lyn Boyd-Judson, Ph.D.**

*Director, USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics*
*UNESCO Chair on Global Humanities and Ethics*
*Co-Chair, Oxford Consortium for Human Rights*
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1. Name:

2. Email Address:

3. Program and Year (ex: School of International Affairs, junior)

4. Please describe a situation in which you had to be proactive and take initiative in work without much direction. How did you deal with this situation and what did you learn? (150 word limit)

5. Please describe a time when you felt isolated culturally or linguistically. How did you deal with this situation and what did you learn? (150 word limit)

6. Statement of Purpose: Please describe your interest in the USC UNESCO Fellows Program and include your relevant experience, what you will bring to the program, and how your time in your placement will benefit you in your future career. Please touch on any specific topics and/or themes in international development, education, and preventing violent extremism that you are interested in focusing on. Lastly, explain how you will advance UNESCO and the US Mission through your work. (350 word limit)

7. Language Proficiency: In which languages, other than English, are you proficient? Please list each language and rank your proficiency on a basic-moderate-fluent scale in each of the following areas: a) Comprehension b) Reading c) Speaking d) Writing e) Professional Capacity

8. UNESCO Sector Preference: Please rank your top three UNESCO sector preferences for possible placement and your reasons for choosing each. (150 word limit)

9. Is there anything else you think we should know about you? (150 word limit)