



THE ROBERT S. STRAUSS CENTER
FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW

Security Studies Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2014-2015

The Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law will offer up to two pre-doctoral fellowships for the 2014-2015 academic year. The Strauss Center pre-doctoral fellowship program aims to stimulate the development of the next generation of researchers and thought leaders and encourage them to engage in policy-relevant research on the topic of security studies.

Pre-doctoral fellows are encouraged to present their research within and outside the Center, participate in the research activities of the Center, attend and take an active role in seminars and conferences, engage with younger scholars, and immerse themselves in the greater University community during their appointment.

Eligibility

Pre-doctoral fellowships are available to advanced PhD students, with preference given to those who have made substantial progress towards the completion of their dissertation. Pre-doctoral fellows are expected to work on — and ideally complete — their doctoral dissertations during the fellowship.

The Strauss Center invites applications from all disciplines, both the social and natural sciences, as they pertain to relevant topics to the Center's program focuses (see Areas of Research below). The Strauss Center encourages applications from women, minorities, and citizens of all countries.

Areas of Research

The Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas at Austin is a nonpartisan research center that engages the best minds in academia, government, and the private sector to develop unique, policy-relevant solutions to complex global challenges.

The Strauss Center will consider applicants working on a broad range of topics related to issues of national and international security, law, and diplomacy. Suitable topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Factors contributing to the destabilization of nation states,
- Diplomatic and military history and strategy,
- New approaches to diplomacy,
- Intelligence and surveillance,
- Science, technology, and national security,
- Evolving legal architectures to account for new threats in the 21st century,
- Climate security and complex emergencies, and
- International development and security.

Stipend Information

The Strauss Center offers pre-doctoral fellowships in residence at the University of Texas at Austin for one year (September 2014-May 2015). The fellowship includes a nine-month stipend of \$24,000 and one round-trip airline ticket.

Applicants should note that the stipend awarded might not cover all living costs in Austin during the fellowship period. Applicants should be prepared to cover any additional expenses themselves or through other external funding sources. Applicants who must obtain a J1 visa in order to participate in the fellowship are required to provide proof of health insurance when applying for the J1 visa. The Strauss Center fellowship does not provide health insurance.

Application Procedures

Each applicant should submit as one complete packet:

1. A completed **application form**;
2. A 3 to 5 page double-spaced **dissertation prospectus**, including its relevance to the research interests of the Strauss Center;
3. **Curriculum vitae**;
4. A short **writing sample** pertinent to the application (no more than 20 pages);
5. Three sealed **letters of recommendation** (not emails) attesting to the applicant's professional competence and progress on the dissertation; and
6. A sealed **graduate school transcript**.

The applicant is responsible for collecting all materials, including letters of recommendation and transcripts and submitting them as one packet. All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be submitted in English.

Please do not submit supplemental materials. Materials submitted will not be returned to the applicant. Emailed materials will not be accepted.

The application deadline for 2014-2015 fellowships is **February 15, 2014**. Applicants will be informed of decisions by March 15.

Send application packets to:

Security Studies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program
Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law
The University of Texas at Austin
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Austin, Texas 78712 USA

For the application form and more information, please visit [will put link when live on site] or contact the Strauss Center at info@robertstrausscenter.org

The University of Texas at Austin is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, citizenship status, Vietnam era or special disabled veteran's status, or sexual orientation. Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, disability accommodations will be provided, as needed.