

JUNIOR FELLOWSHIPS 2012/2013

AT THE VIENNA WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES (VWI)

The *Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies (VWI)* invites applications for its junior fellowships for the academic year 2012/2013, beginning October 1, 2012.

The VWI is an academic institution dedicated to the study and documentation of antisemitism, racism and the Holocaust. Conceived and established during Simon Wiesenthal's lifetime, the VWI receives funding from the *Austrian Ministry for Science and Research* as well as the *City of Vienna*. Research at the institute focuses on the Holocaust in its European context, including its antecedents and its aftermath.

Ph.D. candidates from anywhere in the world are eligible to apply for a junior fellowship. Junior fellows will be able to work on a research project of their choice in the field of Holocaust studies at the institute. With its fellowships, the VWI seeks to facilitate academic exchange among the fellows by encouraging a co-operative research culture dedicated to the institute's work. Junior fellows will receive support and advice from the VWI as well as its senior and research fellows. Junior fellows are expected to regularly attend the VWI and take on an active role in the institute's research activities.

Research projects focus on a topic relevant to the research interests of the VWI. Within this parameter, theme, approach and methodology are the choice of the applicant. Fellows will have access to the archives of the institute, now under development. It is expected that fellows will exploit relevant resources from the collection in their research projects. Research results will be the subject of formal fellow's discussion and will be presented to the wider public at regular intervals.

Junior fellowships are awarded for a duration of between six and twelve months. Junior fellows will have a work station at the VWI with computer and internet access and will receive a monthly stipend of € 1,200.-. In addition, junior fellows who are not Vienna residents will receive additional accommodation funding of € 340.- per month. VWI will also cover the costs of a round-trip to and from Vienna (coach class airfare or 2nd class train fare). There is an additional budget of € 500.- available for research conducted outside of Vienna or photocopying costs outside of the institute, where applicable.

Junior fellows will be selected by the International Academic Advisory Board of the VWI.

Applications may be submitted in English or German and must include the following documents:

- a description of the research project, including the research objectives, an overview of existing research on the topic and methodology (1,500 words max.),
- two letters of recommendation, including an evaluation of the research project, by academically qualified persons who are familiar with the applicant's academic research, to be enclosed with the application,
- list of publications,
- up-to-date *Europass*-CV (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home>),
- completed and signed application form (http://www.vwi.ac.at/hauptebene_englisch/junior-fellows-application.pdf).

Please attach your application in electronic format (*.pdf) to an email with the subject header "VWI Junior Fellowships 2012/2013" and submit it by April 28, 2012 to:

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