Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute

The Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute is currently accepting applications from graduate students for Summer 2017 fellowships.

We invite graduate students in the following fields of study to apply: (1) Distance Education, (2) Higher Education Administration, (3) Law and Religion, (4) Religion and Education, (5) Religion and News Media, (6) Religion and Human Rights, and (7) Videography / Audio Visual Production.

The Religious Freedom Center is a nonpartisan national initiative focused on educating the American public about the religious liberty principles of the First Amendment. Reorganized in 2010 to expand on religious liberty initiatives begun by the First Amendment Center in 1994, the Religious Freedom Center has sponsored numerous public programs at the Newseum, developed partnerships with national and international organizations, and brought together a broad range of religious and civil liberties groups. The Religious Freedom Center carries out the mission by educating thought leaders, promoting civil dialogue, engaging the public, transforming schools, and publishing religious liberty scholarship.

Located in the heart of Washington D.C., the Religious Freedom Center holds its onsite classes, conferences and events at the Newseum — a 250,000-square-foot museum of news that offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. The Newseum includes a 90-foot high atrium, seven levels of displays, 15 theaters, a dozen major galleries, many smaller exhibits, two broadcast studios and an expanded interactive newsroom. Located at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, N.W., the Newseum sits on America’s Main Street between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, adjacent to the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall.

We are working with public schools around the country to provide academically rigorous, constitutionally appropriate training and resources for public school teachers committed to teaching about religion using a religious studies framework. In the coming year we and our partner universities will launch accredited courses to train pre-service teachers to teach about religion. We will also launch dual enrollment courses for public high school students interested in learning about religion at the college level.

We are seeking fellows who will be able to develop a research agenda that is compatible with their interests, their degree program requirements, and one of our Center’s areas of focus. Fellows are expected to participate in the academic community of the Religious Freedom Center when possible. Participation in our research community may include support with curriculum development or a lecture or lectures to students in our graduate-level courses. Fellowships last one to two semesters, as determined by the respective graduate schools. Onsite research hours are flexible within the timeframe of Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern; offsite research hours on Fridays can be negotiated.
Please invite graduate students to download the [Fellowship Application Form](#) if they are applying for a graduate or post-graduate Research Fellowship in spring, summer, or fall of 2017 or the spring of 2018. Please see the posting for application instructions and due dates.

All fellowships applicants must be enrolled in and be in good standing with an accredited graduate-degree program in the U.S. and must be eligible to receive academic credit for their fellowship experience. All international applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. academic institution and must qualify for a U.S. Visitor’s Visa according to requirements of the U.S. State Department.

**Application Deadline**

For the Summer 2017 semester: April 15, 2017  
For the Fall 2017 semester: June 15, 2017  
For the Spring 2018 semester: November 30, 2017  
For the Summer 2018 semester: April 15, 2018

Please feel free to direct all questions to our Religious Literacy Specialist, Benjamin Marcus, at [bmarcus@newseum.org](mailto:bmarcus@newseum.org).

Thank you for sharing this position with your colleagues and students.

With thanks and best wishes,  
The Religious Freedom Center team