2019 Alumni Scholars Program

The Alumni Scholars Program is a competitive scholarship program that gives Marshall Center alumni an opportunity to conduct in-depth research on a security topic with the support of a faculty mentor, to benefit from research and editorial assistance, and to publish in the Center’s professional journal “per Concordiam”. The program offers a 5-week, in-residence research program in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, with transportation, lodging and meals provided. At the end of the period, scholars will submit a 2,500 word paper (10 pages) suitable for publication and give a 30-minute presentation to the faculty in English. Please see page 2 for eligibility and details.

Scholarships will be awarded based on recommendations of a Faculty Review Committee, who will prioritize proposals that are most relevant to the Marshall Center's U.S. and German stakeholders' strategic guidance. A detailed list of the 2019 GCMC priorities can be found on GlobalNET (you must be logged in to view) at: https://globalnetplatform.org/system/files/GCMC%20Priorities%20FY19.pdf

Interested applicants must email a complete application package consisting of the following documents to the Alumni Office (mcalumni@marshallcenter.org) no later than 30 September 2018. All attachments must be in MS Word or PDF format. Do not send images of documents (.jpg, .png, etc.). Incomplete packages (unless otherwise noted below) will not be considered.

Attachment A: Research Project Proposal (2 pages). Your proposal must include the following:
   1. Title
   2. Executive Summary outlining objectives and purpose of the project. Indicate which GCMC security priority/priorities (see link above) you are addressing in your summary.
   3. Work plan: Provide a detailed timeline of your project plan for the 5-weeks (may also include work done prior to arrival at GCMC)
   4. Desired start and completion dates (not to exceed 5 weeks). Your desired dates must fall within the timeframe of 7 January 2019 and 30 September 2019.
   5. Desired faculty research advisor. Note: If you do not have anyone in mind, please state “GCMC Choice”, and we will select an advisor for you. The Dean of the College will make the final decision on all advisors based on faculty work load and expertise.

Attachment B: Curriculum Vitae (CV) – not to exceed 2 pages

Attachment C: Memorandum addressing your involvement with the GCMC:
   1. GCMC resident course(s) attended. Please include course name and year.
   2. GCMC events attended to include Communities of Interest (COIs) and alumni activities
   3. Involvement in your local GCMC Alumni Association (if applicable)

Attachment D: Sample of previous written work, published or unpublished, that demonstrates the quality of your writing (English only).

Attachment E: Approval letter from your employer granting permission to apply for, and attend (if selected), a 5-week stay at the Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. If you do not require anyone’s permission to attend, please provide a statement to that effect.

Attachment F: “Academic” letter of recommendation – An endorsement letter from someone (supervisor, professor, former professor) who knows you and who can speak to the quality of your writing, ability to work independently, and to do research.
Alumni Scholars Program Administrative Notes:

- Eligibility: All applicants must be alumni (graduate of a qualifying resident program) of the Marshall Center. You do NOT need to be a current government employee to apply for this program.

- This is a very competitive program. There were over 125 applications for 2018, and 17 scholarships were awarded. In 2019, we expect to award 20 scholarships. The quality and completeness of your application package will weigh heavily in the selection process.

- The email you received is your formal invitation to apply for the Scholars Program. If, in addition, you need an official letter sent to your supervisor or through your government, please let us know no later than 5 September 2018. Please indicate to whom the letter should be addressed and provide their title, position, and email address.

- Applications must be sent via email and include 6 attachments (MS Word or PDF format ONLY) using the below naming convention.
  
  - Attachment A - Proposal - last name of applicant
  - Attachment B - CV - last name of applicant
  - Attachment C - GCMC Memo - last name of applicant
  - Attachment D - Sample - last name of applicant
  - Attachment E - Approval Letter - last name of applicant
  - Attachment F - Recommendation - last name of applicant

  For example, a document from someone named John Smith would be named:
  
  “Attachment A - Proposal - Smith.doc”

- The expected length of residency is 5 weeks. Special requests for shorter stays may be considered, but not for less than 4 weeks. Travel days are typically the first Monday and last Friday of the 5-week timeframe, however official holidays may require adjustments to arrival and departure days.

- All documents provided in the proposal must be in English.

- If you are unable to provide any of the required documents at the time of your application (e.g. your supervisor is on vacation), please address the specific issue in your submission email, and tell us when you will provide it.

- Incomplete packages, unless otherwise noted as above, will not be considered.

- Family members, friends, etc. are not authorized to accompany scholars to the Marshall Center for this program, even at their own expense. This is a 5-week intensive study period devoted to research with no distractions.

- If you are interested in conducting research on a regional issue together with another scholar from a different country, please contact us to discuss your (joint) proposal and application.

**TIMELINE:** (subject to change due to volume of applications received)

- 5 September 2018: Deadline for requests for formal invitations to apply (see above)
- 30 September 2018: Deadline for applications to be received by the GCMC Alumni Office
- 1 – 19 October 2018: Review of all application packages by the Alumni Team
- 22 October – 9 November 2018: Faculty Committee review and selection
- 12 – 16 November 2018: Dean of College review and approval of selections
- 16 November 2018: Announcement of 2019 Scholarship winners