



2017-18 Edmond J. Safra Undergraduate Fellowships in Ethics

The Edmond J. Safra Undergraduate Fellowship program welcomes applications from Harvard College sophomores and juniors from any concentration who are pursuing research and writing with an ethics dimension, and who wish to develop their talents in modes of inquiry that are essential to tackling critical moral issues in public life. Established in the spring of 2013, the Program invites eight to twelve fellows each year to join a university-wide community of faculty and scholars from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and the professional schools at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.

Purpose

The Undergraduate Fellowship program seeks to provide students with the opportunity to engage in an informed analysis of values in their own areas of inquiry that will lead to the completion of a senior thesis. In pursuit of this goal, Undergraduate Fellows complete an ethics seminar with the director of the program, participate in an ongoing ethics research workshop, and attend lectures and dinners hosted by the Center. In addition, Undergraduate Fellows are offered a wide range of opportunities to interact with faculty, fellows, and graduate students affiliated with the Center.

Requirements

Spring Semester 2017: Undergraduate Fellows will enroll in the interdisciplinary seminar with Professor Arthur Applbaum, *Government 94saf: Safra Undergraduate Ethics Fellowship Seminar*, which meets Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Undergraduate Fellows also will attend the annual Lester Kissel Lecture and Workshop and at least one other lecture sponsored by the Center.

Fall Semester 2017 and 2018: To help prepare for their senior theses, Undergraduate Fellows will participate in an informal semester-long weekly research workshop in the fall of each year that they remain at Harvard. The research workshop will include discussions of assigned readings, presentations of the students' own work, and reflections on the Center's distinguished lecture series.

Spring Semester, Senior Year: Undergraduate Fellows will submit to their respective departments a senior thesis on an approved topic that has a normative dimension.

Eligibility

Students in the fall of their sophomore or junior year, with a GPA of at least 3.0, are invited to apply. Applicants should have completed or be currently enrolled in two courses in ethics, moral or political philosophy, or political theory. A non-exhaustive selection of suitable courses can be found on the Center's website, along with suggested timelines for sophomores and juniors to plan for the Undergraduate Fellowship in Ethics.

Award

Undergraduate Fellows receive a one-time book fund of \$500, and may apply for summer funding through the **Lester Kissel Grants in Practical Ethics**. These grants support research and writing that make contributions to the understanding of practical ethics, and normally will be awarded in the summer prior to the student's senior year.

How to Apply

1. Complete and submit the web application form found on our website.
2. Submit the following via email, as a single PDF, to undergrads@ethics.harvard.edu:
 - (a) One-page statement describing your interest in ethics and purpose in applying for the fellowship program;
 - (b) Curriculum vitae;
 - (c) Unofficial transcript (fellowship recipients will be required to furnish an official transcript).

The deadline for receipt of applications for Undergraduate Fellowships beginning in the spring semester 2017 is: **November 1, 2016**. Awards will be announced by **November 30, 2016**.