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## The Botstiber Fellowship in Transatlantic Austrian and Central European Relationships 2019/2020

### Call for Applications

**Deadline for Application: 5 October 2018**

The Botstiber Foundation and the Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest (IAS CEU) are pleased to invite applications for the fellowship in Transatlantic Austrian and Central European Relations for junior and senior researchers for the academic year 2019/20. Fellowships are available for all scholarly work related to the historical, political or economic, and cultural relationship between the United States and present-day Austria or the countries that historically make up the Austro-Hungarian or Austrian Empires and Central Europe. This joint fellowship seeks to strengthen further and make visible scholarship on imperial and post-imperial Austria and Habsburg Studies and on issues of transfer, migration, and exchange, as testified in Austria's and Central European special relationship to the United States, direct and indirect.

At IAS CEU, Botstiber Fellows will join outstanding junior and senior scholars from around the world, each conducting research related to their diverse disciplinary interests for a minimum of 4-5 months and a maximum of one academic year (9 months, October-June). Fellows are chosen by a rigorous selection process, which includes stages of pre-selection and peer reviews as well as a final decision made jointly by an independent, interdisciplinary and international Academic Advisory Board and the Botstiber Foundation. The Institute is committed to the pursuit of cutting edge interdisciplinary scholarship and will seek innovative research proposals. Young scholars with demonstrable promise of excellence will be considered; established senior scholars are expected to have solid records of first rate scholarship. A primary criterion for selection is the expectation that each fellow's stay at the Institute will yield original and significant research results.

IAS CEU provides a stimulating environment in which the fellows can devote themselves to their research and share their work with peers through weekly seminars and other community programs. Fellows have access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services, and library resources and accommodation is also provided as part of the fellowship in the university's guesthouse. Fellows also benefit from CEU's vibrant international atmosphere, its strong ties in the CEE region and its location in culturally rich Budapest. IAS CEU facilitates the



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fellows' engagement with CEU and the Hungarian scholarly community by encouraging collaborative projects, organizing joint public lectures.

IAS fellows enjoy access to the CEU library that contains the largest English-language holdings in the social sciences and humanities in Central and Eastern Europe and has state-of-the-art electronic equipment and data retrieval tools. Moreover, the interlibrary loan system allows fellows to request literature from other relevant libraries as well, including major libraries in Vienna and Austria. The renowned Open Society Archives is an archive and center for research and education with collections and activities related to the period after the Second World War, the history of the formerly communist countries, human rights and war crimes.

Fellows live together in the [Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse](#), located in the historical Castle District of Buda, a World Heritage area and walking distance from the University and downtown Budapest. Housing is provided as part of the Botstiber fellowship. Most fellows have an office at IAS on university campus.

Fellows must reside in Budapest during their fellowship, participate in the intellectual life of the Institute and pursue their research agenda.

## Qualifications, experience, eligibility

- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in the social sciences or humanities at the time of their application.
- Junior fellows must have obtained a Ph.D. degree issued in 2011 or later and must apply for the junior fellowship. Candidates who obtained their Ph.D. before 2011 are considered “senior” and must apply for the senior fellowship.
- Only those with publications in internationally recognized scholarly outlets are encouraged to apply.
- Full time CEU employees and students are not eligible to apply for 5 years after the ending of their studies/contract (degrees must be received and contracts must have ended by December 31, 2013 or earlier).
- Part time/temporary employees of CEU are not eligible for 1 year after their contract ended (their contract must have ended by December 31, 2017 or earlier).
- Former fellows of IAS CEU are not eligible to apply until a period of 7 years has passed since their previous fellowship. Applications may be considered only in exceptional cases.
- Applicants are expected to be able to communicate fluently in English as this is the working language of the Institute and CEU.



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## Terms and conditions

Junior Fellows receive a net monthly stipend of 2,000 USD and Senior Fellows a monthly stipend of 2,800 USD to help support their stay in Budapest. Fellows' relocation costs are also covered up the amount of 1,500 USD and they may enjoy research support of 1,000 USD. In addition, all fellows and their families receive housing at the Raoul Wallenberg Guesthouse (<http://ias.ceu.edu/raoul-wallenberg-guesthouse-0>). Utilities at the Guesthouse will be charged to the fellows and they are also responsible for their own healthcare provisions.

## How to apply?

The deadline for application is October 5, 2018.

All applications must be submitted through in our online application system with application files sent in e-mail. This year's application form will be open starting from 4 July 2018.

**Step 1:** Go to the **Application Form** for the Academic Year 2019/20 at the IAS CEU website at <https://ias.ceu.edu/application-form-2019-20>, and fill in all your data as required.

**Please note that you cannot save your work and continue filling in the form at a later time, so you are asked to submit your application when you have all information and materials ready! Incomplete forms, or applications submitted in any other way than what is described in this Call will not be considered.**

**Step 2:** Create a **single pdf file** no larger than 12 MBs containing all your application package and send it to the [IAS\\_applications@ceu.edu](mailto:IAS_applications@ceu.edu) e-mail address. The name of the pdf file and the subject of your e-mail should contain your name and the type of fellowship you are applying to. (Example: "Application John Smith – Botstiber Fellowship")

Please note that incomplete applications, when either the webform is not filled in or the pdf application package is not sent, will not be considered. You will receive a confirmation of receipt of your application package shortly from IAS.

Your **application package** that you should send in pdf should contain the following documents:

1. A letter of intent (max 1,500 words)
2. The abstract of your research project (max. 150 words)
3. A description of your research project (min. 1,000 - max. 2,500 words; the reference list is not included in the word count)



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4. A CV including a list of up to **5** (in case of junior applicants) and up to **15** (in the case of senior applicants) of your most important publications. For junior applicants **ONLY**: the name and email address of two referees (for potential reference).

Please also note that if you wish to apply for more than one fellowship type, you should fill in and send a separate application for each (choosing the relevant category each time in “Fellowship type”)

All applications must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. (CET) on October 5, 2018.**

Applicants will be notified when their applications have been received. Successful candidates will be informed between February and March 2019. All others will be notified of the result of the evaluation process by the end of March 2019 the latest. **We will not share reviews with the applicants.**

For further information regarding your application and for more info on IAS CEU, please visit: <http://ias.ceu.edu/>. For more information on the Botstiber Foundation, please visit: <http://www.botstiber.org/>.

CEU is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion.

The privacy of your personal information is very important to us. We collect, use, and store your personal information in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. To learn more about how we manage your personal data during the application/selection process, please see our Privacy Notice at <https://www.ceu.edu/privacy> and CEU's Data Protection Policy at <https://documents.ceu.edu/documents/p-1805>.