



Junior Scholars' Training Seminar Application Packet

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**Application Deadline:
April 15, 2012**

Junior Scholars' Training Seminar (JSTS)

Background Information

East European Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center and the Committee on Eastern European Studies of the American Council on Learned Societies are soliciting applications for the annual training seminar for junior scholars in East European studies. All domestic transportation, accommodations and meal costs will be covered by the sponsors.

Eligibility

These scholarships are available to American citizens. Graduate students enrolled in an advanced academic or professional degree at an American university are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to those who have completed all requirements for their Ph.D. except the dissertation and scholars who have received their Ph.D.s within the past year in any field. Projects on Central Europe and the Baltic states are eligible.

All projects should aim to highlight their potential policy relevance. Disciplines represented at recent Junior Scholars' Training Seminars have included anthropology, history, political science and Slavic languages and literatures.

Selected JSTS participants will be invited to discuss their work, as well as the state of their respective fields, with a number of senior scholars over a three-day event.

Program Description

JSTS successfully combines formal and informal meetings to promote a variety of intellectual exchanges. Past activities have included:

- individual presentations;
- constructive feedback and question and answer sessions;
- one-on-one meetings for Junior Scholars with Senior Scholars;
- advice regarding publishing;
- discussions about the state of the profession and obtaining employment in the field;
- various social activities.

Additional Requirements

Selected applicants are expected to submit a five-page paper no later than July 1, 2012 on the sources and methodology of their report and the wider significance of their work. (In other words, what was researched, how it was researched, and what it all means.) This paper will serve as the basis for discussion at the seminar.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JSTS APPLICANTS

The Application

A complete application must include the following:

1. Completed JSTS Application Form;
2. a one page, single-spaced statement of the work you wish to discuss at JSTS - either a dissertation, a thesis or another project; and,
3. one letter of recommendation from an academic advisor.

JSTS Statement

The elements requested below should be incorporated into the statement:

1. a description of the topic and potential policy relevance;
2. the originality of the proposed study;
3. the basic ideas and hypotheses; and,
4. the methods or approaches to be used.

Letter of Reference

One letter of reference from your advisor must be sent directly to EES by the application deadline of April 15, 2012. The letter should follow the guidelines for referees in the Reference Letter Form included in this packet.

Your academic advisor should be sent a copy of your JSTS project description so that s/he can comment specifically upon:

1. the proposed study;
2. the importance and originality of the project;
3. the quality of the proposal in definition, organization, clarity and scope; and,
4. the capabilities and achievements of the applicant.

These scholarships are available to American citizens. Junior scholars working on policy relevant projects related to Eastern Europe or Baltic studies (Russia, the Soviet successor states and Germany are excluded) are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE

All application materials must be received by April 15, 2012.

SEND ALL MATERIALS TO
East European Studies
The Woodrow Wilson International
Center for Scholars
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004-3027

JSTS APPLICATION FORM

Personal Data

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address to which correspondence should be sent:		Telephone Numbers:
_____		Home: _____
_____		Office: _____
_____		Fax: _____
_____		Email: _____
Date and Place of Birth: _____		Citizenship: _____
SSN: _____	Sex: _____	

Reference

Please ask your dissertation advisor to send his/her recommendation directly to EES by April 15.

1) Name, Institutional Affiliation and Department

JSTS Project Information

Suggested topic for JSTS: _____

Dissertation/Thesis

Dissertation/Thesis title: _____

Institution and Program Affiliation: _____

Date received (or expect to receive) Ph.D.: _____

Describe at what stage you are in your project:

- I have started my field research.
- I have completed my field research.
- I have started writing my dissertation.
- I have completed writing my dissertation.

Comments: _____

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100-word precis of dissertation:

Education

	Date	Institution	Major Field
B.A./ B.S.	_____	_____	_____
M.A./ M.S.	_____	_____	_____

Professional / Occupational Experience: List current position first.

Dates	Organization	Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Fellowships / Honors: List most recent first.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

JSTS REFERENCE LETTER FORM

JUNIOR SCHOLARS TRAINING SEMINAR

To be completed by Applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Project Title: _____

To be completed by Referee

Name of Referee: _____

Department: _____

Employing Institution: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

- **Referee's comments:** (See the back of this page for guidelines and additional writing space)

Guidelines for Referee

The person identified as “applicant” is seeking an award to participate in the annual Junior Scholars’ Training Seminar with the East European Studies (EES) program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. EES would appreciate receiving from you an assessment of the applicant and the proposed project. You should judge the application according to the following criteria:

- significance of the proposed research - the importance and originality of the project and its policy relevance;
- the quality of the proposal in definition, organization, clarity and scope; and,
- the capabilities and achievements of the applicant.

If you prefer to use standard 8 ½" by 11" paper rather than this form, please indicate clearly on each sheet the full name of the applicant and the project title, and sign the letter.

The JSTS application deadline is April 15, **2012**. It is important to the applicant that your letter reach the East European Studies program before the application deadline. Please send the letter directly to:

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Referee's comments (continued)