

High School Fellowship Application 2019-2020 Academic Year

Deadline: May 10

The Santa Fe Council on International Relations (CIR) expects to award 10 High School Fellowships for the 2019-2020 academic year. Each fellowship will begin in mid-August 2019 and last through May 2020. Applications are welcome from high school students attending public or private schools in the Santa Fe area. Although applicants do not need previous international experience or coursework in global politics, it is important each applicant: (1) demonstrate an *interest* in international studies and (2) explain how the fellowship will benefit them academically and professionally. CIR does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, background, or sexual identity.

Qualifications:

Applicants must:

- be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior *as of August 2019*;
- attend a high school (public, private, homeschool) near Santa Fe;
- demonstrate an interest in international affairs.

Expectations:

Fellows are expected to:

- attend bi-weekly meetings (usually 4:00-6:00 PM on Thursdays) at the CIR office to meet with speakers and engage in constructive dialogue with the Fellow cohort;
- attend as many CIR events as possible (Note: these events are often in the evenings and occasionally on weekends);
- check email daily and respond promptly and professionally to all CIR emails;
- complete a research project;
- exhibit willingness to accept constructive feedback on written assignments and listen to advice/suggestions throughout research process;
- submit all assignments in a timely manner, according to schedule.

Research Project

All Fellows are expected to complete a 5-10 page research paper; research topics will be identified in collaboration with CIR's Program Officer, Education. The research paper is expected to delve into a current international affairs topic and propose a policy recommendation. Fellows will present their research and recommendations at a public event at the conclusion of the fellowship.

Application

Applicants should submit a 300-500 word essay that answers each of the following questions:

- What international issue and/or geographical area interests you most and why?
- How will the fellowship benefit you academically (in high school, and later in college)?
- How will the fellowship benefit you professionally, in your future career?

Instructions

****IMPORTANT**** Following directions is a crucial component of the CIR High School Fellowship. If you submit your application without following the instructions below, it will reflect poorly on your application. All application material must be received by close of business (5:00 PM) May 10th, 2019 for the application to be accepted.

1. At the top of your essay, include your **first and last name**, your **grade level** (as of August 2019), the **school** you attend, and **contact information**.

*Example: Tacarra Lake, sophomore, Santa Fe High School
Email: internships@sfcir.org Phone: (123) 456-7890*

2. Please send your essay as a **PDF attachment** to internships@sfcir.org
3. The subject line of your email should be: **HS Fellowship Application – type your name**

Only finalists will be contacted for an interview with CIR's Executive Director and Education Program Officer. Applicants selected for the fellowship will be notified in June 2019. Requests for clarification should be addressed to internships@sfcir.org

Please, no phone calls to check on the status of your application.