

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY INTERFAITH FELLOWS PROGRAM



The Columbia University Interfaith Fellows Program is a new initiative of the Office of the University Chaplain. The Interfaith Fellows Program will support ten students interested in interfaith programming at Columbia University. Interfaith Fellows will develop programming to engage faith communities in their schools at Columbia University on issues of faith and spirituality. Each Fellow will receive a stipend of \$500 per semester. Additional funds will be available for programming.



Application Deadline: Please submit your application by **6:00pm, Friday, September 18th**, to chaplain@columbia.edu. *Only completed applications will be considered.*



Program Mission



Provide an opportunity for Columbia University students to develop interfaith programming that relates to the community of students in the various schools at Columbia University:



Explore the connection between intellectual life, faith and spirituality and learn how different faith traditions approach individuality, family and community, social justice issues, rituals, worship, morality, and politics;

Enhance interfaith dialogue on the Columbia University campus, and deepen the understanding of how faith influences us individually and as a community.



Requirements

Fellows must be currently registered Columbia University undergraduate, graduate or professional students. Fellows are selected for one academic year. A one year renewal may be possible.



Fellows are expected to:

- Meet with student leaders at their schools to develop and execute interfaith programs that engage faith communities at Columbia University
- Attend orientation events with other Fellows at the start of each semester and occasionally during the semester
- Attend bi-weekly meeting and periodic trainings with other Fellows and a member of the Office of the University Chaplain programming staff
- Commit thirty-fives hours per semester
- Write reflections about the experience of being an Interfaith Fellow



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PART I: Application Information (Please print clearly)

1. Name: _____

2. Local Address: _____

3. Phone: _____ Columbia Email: _____

4. School/Year: _____

5. Religious Affiliation: _____

6. Please attach a copy of your resume.

PART II: Application Questions

1. Describe your involvement on campus (clubs, student activities, etc.).
2. What leadership roles in your faith community have you held at or before Columbia University?
3. Describe your leadership and/or participation in an interfaith program.
4. Have you ever participated in Office of the University Chaplain programming/events? Please describe.

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5. Tell us about your personal faith/spiritual background. Include information on enrichment programs (religious school, youth group, camp, etc.), family and personal observances, and academic course work.

6. Why are you interested in interfaith programming at Columbia University?

7. How will the Interfaith Fellowship enhance your Columbia University education?

Application III: References and Interview

Please provide a recommendation from your Academic Advisor confirming your academic standing and a recommendation from the Dean or Director of Student Affairs at your school or a Columbia University Religious Life Advisor. All recommendations should be sent electronically to chaplain@columbia.edu; recommendations must include your name and Interfaith Fellows Program in the subject line.

All applicants being considered for the Interfaith Fellowship are required to have an interview with University Chaplain, Jewelnel Davis. Fellows will be notified in early **October** of their selection. Feel free to contact University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis with any questions, 212-854-1493 or via email, chaplain@columbia.edu.

Signature: _____

Date: _____