

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

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Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection Library Research Fellowship Program 2021-2022 Call for Applications

Contingent on resumption of on-campus operations beginning fall 2021



The Library Research Fellowship Program (LRFP) supports the use of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection by Fellows for scholarly research in Hellenic studies while in residence in Sacramento, CA. Since the Program's inception in 2012, twenty-four fellows in Hellenic studies from nine countries, including seven independent scholars and 13 women, have benefitted from sustained access to the collection in support of original scholarly research. Thus far these research stays have directly contributed to the fruition of at least 10 conference papers, five journal articles, four book chapters, two completed doctoral dissertations, and one monograph.

The LRFP provides a limited number of fellowships (5-8 this year) ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 in the form of reimbursement to help offset transportation and living expenses incurred in connection with the awards. It is open to external researchers anywhere in the world at the graduate through senior scholar levels (including independent scholars) working in fields encompassed by the Collection's strengths who reside outside a 75-mile radius of Sacramento. (Applicants not selected for a fellowship who are in a position to conduct their research in residence on a self-funded basis may be appointed as Research Scholars through a separate application process. Contact George I. Paganelis for more information.)

The term of fellowships can vary between two weeks and three months, depending on the nature of the research, and for the current cycle will be tenable from September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022. Please note that the 2021-2022 LRFP is contingent on the resumption of on-campus operations beginning fall 2021. Should this not be possible due to the pandemic, fellowship offers will be deferred until such time as awardees can opt to accept or decline them.

Fellows are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements, though the University can assist with this process. On-campus housing and dining options are available during summer months at a considerable savings over off-campus alternatives through Sacramento State Housing Conference Services.

The fellowship application deadline is April 2, 2021. No late applications will be considered. Paper applications will not be accepted. Applicants must submit a completed application with budget, a résumé/CV, and a research proposal of up to five double-spaced pages. Proposals must include an abstract of the project, a description of project objectives and methodology, background and significance of the project, intended research output(s) and plans for dissemination, and a justification for the requested length of stay/budget. They must also arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the Library Research Fellowship Program Review Committee as instructed below.

Proposals should cite in detail the relevance of specific resources found in the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection to their research. Prospective Fellows are urged to consult the Web site of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection, OneSearch (the Library's on-line catalog and discovery system), and the research guides for Classical, Byzantine, and Modern Greek studies for detailed holdings information as they prepare their proposals. The Library Research Fellowship Program Review Committee will consist of faculty members who will award fellowships on the basis of applicants' qualifications, significance of their proposals, feasibility of accomplishing stated goals while in residence, and relevance of the proposals to the holdings of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection. Amounts awarded will be determined based on applicants' distance traveled to Sacramento and the proposed duration of their stay. The Review Committee reserves the right to offer awards of a modified amount or duration from those requested. Deliberations of the Review Committee are confidential and all decisions are final. The Review Committee cannot provide reviewers' comments or any further information about proposals which do not receive funding. Awards will be announced by June 1, 2021.

Fellows will have full access to the print and on-line resources of the University Library, including interlibrary loan, and will be provided workspace during their stay. No secretarial services or office supplies are available to Fellows. Please note: the fellowship does NOT constitute an employment relationship with California State University, Sacramento.

Fellows are encouraged to collaborate with other colleagues at the university and to participate in the intellectual life of the university. Before leaving Sacramento, Fellows agree to give a presentation on their research project (or arrange alternative dissemination) and to submit a short report (two to three pages) documenting progress in their research as a result of their stay and a brief evaluation of the LRFP. As part of this Program, Fellows also agree to acknowledge the "Library Research Fellowship Program, Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection, California State University, Sacramento" and its funding source(s) in any resulting research output(s) and to deposit a copy of the same in the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection.

All non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. permanent residents must ensure that they will be able to enter or remain in the U.S. to accept the fellowship. Please note that tax withholdings may apply to fellowships.

Please have confidential letters of recommendation e-mailed directly by the referents as attachments or communicated by a recognized dossier service to <u>paganelis@csus.edu</u>. Letters sent by e-mail must be on letterhead (when applicable) and contain original signatures. Letters of recommendation must be received by the same application deadline, Apr. 2, 2021.

Questions about the Program may be directed to George I. Paganelis, Curator, Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection (paganelis@csus.edu or 916-278-4361).