

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When is the application information sent to participating universities?**

The program generally sends information to participating universities in early October. Information is updated annually and essay topics change from year to year. Any important programmatic changes are also announced annually with the new application materials.

### **Is there guidance regarding the application components?**

The application consists of applicant information (address, participating university, language skills, graduation date, etc.) along with five core components. A resume, a one-page personal statement, two letters of recommendation, a three-page substantive essay, and your transcript.

For the **resume**, we prefer that it be one-to-two pages, and it should reflect your research and writing experience as much as possible.

For the **personal statement**, the applicant should describe why they are applying to their particular research program and how being selected by the junior fellows program would fit into their career aspirations.

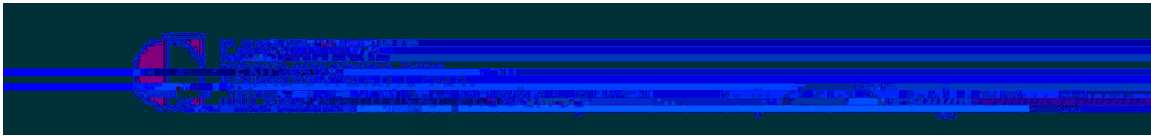
For the **substantive essay**, for your research program of choice, the applicant must respond to the prompt while demonstrating their skills as it relates to analysis, logic, and written assessment.

For the **transcript**, please note that an unofficial transcript is preferred, though an official transcript is also acceptable. If you have transferred, please make sure to either submit a transcript from your first institution also or make sure that the information is reflected by your current transcript.

For the **letters of recommendation**, these can be submitted by anyone whom the applicant [contact us](#)

to find out how your school may participate.

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**Must applicants be U.S. citizens?**

It depends. You need not be a U.S. citizen if you attend a university located in the United States. However, all applicants must be eligible to work in the United States for 10-12 months from September 1 through at least June 30 following graduation. Students on F-1 visas who are eligible to work in the United States for the full year may apply for the program.

If you attend a participating school outside of the United States, you must be a U.S. citizen (due to work permit requirements).

**Is Carnegie seeking candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups?**

As an organization dedicated to pursuing global engagement and peace, we believe the work of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is enriched and should be informed by a diverse array of perspectives. We are committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community among staff and partners and on our public platform.

**Am I eligible for the James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program?**

Applicants must be graduating seniors or students who have graduated during the last academic year. Anyone who has started graduate studies is ineligible for consideration (except in cases where the student has completed a joint bachelor's/master's degree program). The program accepts applications only through participating universities via designated nominating officials.

**How do I apply if I've already graduated?**

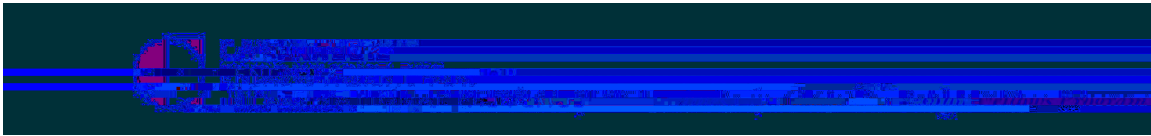
If you graduated during the previous academic year and have not started graduate studies, you may apply through the university from which you graduated.

**How do I obtain an application?**

Applications, procedures and information are available through designated college/university nominating officials. Due to the nomination process and varying on-campus application procedures, students are unable to apply directly to our program.

**Is the application available online?**

Due to the nomination process, the application is



**Who is my university's nominating official?**

In many cases, information is available in fellowship, scholarship, or career services offices and/or political science departments. See our list of participating schools for the [list of nominating officials](#) on Carnegie's website.

**Should the nominating official write a statement of nomination?**

A statement from a nominating official (unless it is 1 of the 2 required references) is not considered in the application process.

