Ronald Reagan Postdoctoral Fellowship Announcement: 2022-2023

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute sponsors a Postdoctoral Fellowship Program to cultivate the next generation of scholars studying the life, political career, principles, legacy, and era of President Ronald Reagan. The Program funds two one-year fellowships for postdoctoral scholars who intend to revise their dissertation into a book-length manuscript on Reagan and his era. Fellows are hosted at the offices of the Ronald Reagan Institute in Washington D.C. One fellowship, the George P. Shultz Fellowship, is made possible through a generous donation from Tad and Dianne Taube.

Applicants must complete their Ph.D. or terminal degree by September 1, 2022 in history, political science, economics, communications studies, law, or a related field. Fellows are awarded a $75,000 stipend and also provided with a $5,000 research account. The Reagan Institute expects that fellows will produce a full manuscript that is ready for initial submission to an academic or high quality commercial press by the end of their fellowship period. Following their residence at the Reagan Institute, postdoctoral fellows are strongly encouraged to pursue an academic career or other professional opportunities in research and scholarship. The fellowship term lasts from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023. International applicants are welcome to apply.

The application period opens on November 15, 2021 and closes on January 15, 2022. Fellowships will be announced March 1, 2022.

Program Benefits

- $75,000 stipend + $5,000 research account to offset the costs of travel and professional activities related to the production of their manuscript.
- Mentorship from senior academics who advise fellows and review their manuscript.
- One-on-one support from an archivist at the Reagan Presidential Library.
- Institutional support in generating press interest.
- Dedicated office space, research library access, and opportunities to participate in Reagan Institute programming as desired.
- If desired, opportunities to teach undergraduate courses on the American presidency sponsored by the Institute.

Program Requirements

- PhD/terminal degree in hand by September 1, 2022.
- Engagement with the approximately 200 scholars in the Reagan Roundtable Network.
• Participation in the Reagan Roundtable seminar series (5 times per year).
• Circulation of recipient’s scholarship within this network of scholars.
• Acceptance of the award constitutes a commitment by each fellow to produce a book manuscript by the end of the fellowship year.

Application Instructions

*Please submit all documents as PDFs. Do not send in zip files.

• All application materials should be emailed to Anthony Eames at aeames@reaganfoundation.org by 11:59 EST on Saturday, January 15, 2022.
• Executive summary (maximum 1 page)
• Project Proposal (maximum 3 pages)
  • Description of methods and approach, including the importance of materials at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library to your study.
  • Relevance of your book to the study of Reagan presidency, legacy, and era, as well as its potential impact on your broader field of specialization.
  • Outline of book.
• Writing Sample (20 to 30 pages)
• CV
• Unofficial Transcripts
• Two letters of recommendation (one of which should be from your thesis advisor)
  • Letters should be sent directly to Anthony Eames at aeames@reaganfoundation.org with the subject line reading “Letter of Reference for “Applicant Name.””