



Call for Applications

2017-18 Graduate Student Fellows Program

Perry World House is seeking applications from Penn graduate students for its inaugural class of Graduate Student Fellows for the 2017-18 academic year. This competitive program is intended for graduate students from **any School or department** who have demonstrated a serious interest in researching world affairs in depth and whose work connects broadly with Perry World House's Global Innovation Program research themes (see below). Graduate Student Fellows will contribute to and participate in Perry World House activities geared towards fostering an inquiry-driven community of diverse scholars. They will receive unparalleled access to, and direct interaction with, faculty and distinguished visitors, along with unique opportunities and activities oriented around global affairs.

What the program will offer:

The Graduate Student Fellows Program will offer graduate students a \$3,000 stipend, the chance to collaboratively tackle global issues, and the opportunity for deep engagement with Perry World House programming. The core elements of this program include:

- **Research Paper:** Graduate Student Fellows will work on a policy-relevant working paper for the PWH working paper series related to their personal research interests and to either one of Perry World House's two research themes – *The Future of the Global Order* and *Global Shifts: Urbanization, Migration, and Demography*.
- **Seminar, Workshop, and Conference Participation:** Graduate Student Fellows will participate in the PWH weekly research seminar in the relevant theme area and work with PWH-affiliated faculty and staff on workshop and conference reports in the relevant theme area.
- **Monthly Colloquium:** Program participants will coordinate a monthly discussion, open for all graduate students, on important global affairs topics.
- **Special Events:** Graduate Student Research Fellows will have preferential access to small-group conversations with Perry World House Distinguished Visiting Fellows and guest speakers over the course of their fellowship.
- **Community Building and Networking:** A range of unique professional and social opportunities will be made available to Graduate Student Fellows.

The goal of the program is to complement students' existing academic experiences at Penn by adding further interactive global inquiry and an in-depth research project linked to the student's academic work at Penn. The Graduate Student Fellows Program is intended for a small number of students who seek a deep, research-oriented engagement with Perry World House. For general engagement as a graduate student with Perry World House, the Graduate Associates Program offers an events-oriented opportunity to participate actively in the life of Perry World House. A description is available at: <https://global.upenn.edu/perryworldhouse/opportunities/graduate-student-programs>.



Eligibility and Application Details:

Graduate students from any Penn school are eligible to apply. To apply, please submit an application that includes: 1) A CV/resume; 2) A 750-word research proposal for a working paper related to one of Perry World House's two research themes; and 3) the name, department, school, and email address of one standing faculty member who is willing to serve as a reference for your application (if you are a PhD candidate, the faculty member should be your dissertation committee chair). Incomplete applications will not be considered. The direct link to the application is: apply.interfolio.com/44161. For more information about Perry World House, please visit our website: <http://www.global.upenn.edu/perryworldhouse>.

The application deadline is September 15th, 2017.

More about our Global Innovation Program's research themes

The Future of the Global Order: Power, Technology, and Governance

From Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's construction of artificial islands in the South China Seas to the global economic and political effects of new technologies and questions of how international institutions will handle diverse questions such as ISIS-driven mass killings, the post-Cold War global order may be at a tipping point. In addition, systemic trends such as globalization and climate change mean that the challenges of today and tomorrow will be global – and require global responses. The role of automated trading algorithms in the 2010 "Flash Crash" in the United States, combined with the specter of drone warfare around the world due and the proliferation of military robotics, highlight how the intersection of technologies such as cyber and robotics presents enormous challenges for global business and diplomatic norms. In a time of change, academic research has the potential to shed significant light on these issues, and highlight new and important approaches for the global policy community.

Global Shifts: Urbanization, Migration, and Demography

Urbanization, migration, and demographic changes are transforming the human environment, creating both new challenges and opportunities. The UN High Commission for Refugees said in 2015 that the world faces the highest level of human displacement since 1950. New and changing migration patterns have depth and nuance that have proven hard to predict – or track. At the same time, over 66% of the world's population will live in urban spaces by 2050, raising critical questions about urban vitality and sustainability. Yet, the diverse causes and consequences of urbanization, migration, and demographic change have not been fully understood and are too often examined in isolation. This research theme was developed through a consultative process with faculty from all twelve schools and highlights areas of expertise within Penn, and especially at the Penn Institute for Urban Research, the Population Studies



Center, and the Center for the Advanced Study of India. In this theme, Perry World House has hosted a series of high-level workshops to advance substantive, policy-relevant work in this space; produced a research digest highlighting the work of over 45 Penn faculty members conducting work connected to this theme; participated in Habitat III, the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, in Quito, Ecuador; and funded two research projects inspired by our experts' workshop at Penn following Habitat III.