

# Request for Applications: Scholars-in-Residence Program at the Columbia Global Centers

**RFA issue date:** October 15, 2024

**Deadline for submissions:** December 2, 2024 at 11:59pm EDT

## Purpose

[Columbia Global](#) aims to advance knowledge and foster global engagement to address complex global challenges through interdisciplinary research, education, collaboration, and directed action.

We invite Columbia University faculty and researchers to apply for funding to engage with one or more of the Columbia Global Centers during spring or summer 2025 on projects designed to advance research, build partnerships, and/or create new learning experiences for students. Specifically, projects may focus on:

- The planning, implementation, and/or dissemination of **research**
- The development or planning of **educational experiences** for Columbia University students (such as immersive global learning or travel-study tours)
- The planning and/or convening of **events** that aim to foster collaboration between Columbia University and local, regional, and/or global partners
- Exploring and/or deepening **partnerships** with local institutions, non-profits, or governments, with the goal of advancing collaborative initiatives

Please note:

- We welcome proposals from faculty and researchers across Columbia University schools and research institutes, including in the humanities, social sciences, arts, and architecture.
- Previous experience in the country/region or with the Global Centers is not required.

## Overview of the Columbia Global Centers

The [Columbia Global Centers](#) are the University's physical and intellectual gateway to the world. Located in 11 cities across four continents, the Global Centers serve as regional hubs for research, education, training, collaboration, and social impact programming. With staff who have deep connections in their respective countries and regions, the Global Centers drive transformative connections between the University and the world, advancing knowledge exchange, deepening global dialogue, and building local partnership networks to advance innovation and impact.



## Program Benefits

This program provides Columbia University faculty with a unique opportunity to advance their teaching, research, and professional work within an international context, while immersing themselves in the academic and cultural environment of a Columbia Global Center. Each Scholar-in-Residence will be awarded up to \$5,000 to support travel, accommodation, and project-related expenses.

Before their residency, faculty will receive pre-departure support—including logistical guidance and consultation(s) to support advance project planning—to ensure that they are well-prepared for their stay.

During their residency, faculty will have access to a workspace, the chance to establish connections with local/regional institutions and partners, and the opportunity to collaborate with Global Center staff on events, workshops, and other means of scholarly exchange. Faculty will also have the opportunity to establish partnerships with various institutions in the country/region.

Upon their return, scholars will be encouraged to share their experiences with others at Columbia.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full-time faculty or researchers at Columbia University. This includes full-time Officers of Instruction and Officers of Research, except those with "adjunct" or "visiting" in their title.
- Applicants must apply to serve as Scholars-in-Residence at one of the following eligible Global Centers:
  - [Amman, Jordan](#)
  - [Athens, Greece](#)
  - [Beijing, China](#)
  - [Istanbul, Turkey](#)
  - [Mumbai, India](#)
  - [Nairobi, Kenya](#)
  - [Rio de Janeiro, Brazil](#)
  - [Santiago, Chile](#)

- o **Note:** Faculty interested in serving as a scholar-in-residence at the Global Center in Paris should apply through the Paris Center's distinct [application process](#), which will open in early 2025.
- The duration of residencies may be anywhere from **two to eight weeks**.
- Applicants are encouraged to consider the thematic focus areas of the relevant Global Center as they develop their project idea (please refer to the links above).
- Scholars-in-Residence are encouraged to participate in relevant events organized by the Global Center.

## Application Process and Deadlines

Eligible faculty are requested to submit applications via the Submittable Platform, which can be accessed [here](#).

Applications are due December 2, 2025 at 11:59pm EDT. Award announcements are anticipated in January 2025.

## Key Application Elements

- Project overview
- Description of how the proposed project will foster collaboration with local, regional, and/or global partners
- Description of how the relevant Global Center's resources, expertise, and networks will enrich your project
- Brief schedule of activities
- Budget (please use [this template](#)) and brief rationale
- CV

## Questions

A virtual informational session will be held to answer questions about this and other Columbia Global faculty award opportunities on **November 13th at 3pm EDT**. Please register [here](#).

If you have questions about this call for applications, please contact Christine Hunt at [ch3326@columbia.edu](mailto:ch3326@columbia.edu) using the following subject line: "Scholars-in-Residence RFA question."