PUBLIC HUMANITIES INITIATIVE IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION
2024-2025 FELLOWSHIPS

JOB TITLE: NYU Fellow

ORGANIZATION: Century International

LOCATION: One Whitehall Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10004

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

https://tcf.org/century-international/

Century International produces agenda-setting policy research with a network deeply rooted in the Middle East. Our independent scholars and analysts conduct long-term fieldwork that drives new approaches by other policy and academic researchers.

We continue the Century Foundation’s long historical commitment to international peace and security. Since 2010, we have cultivated a unique network of policy researchers profoundly tied to the MENA societies they study, and brought them into dialogue with US and international policymakers.

Through multiple project cycles we recruit, mentor, train, connect, edit, publish, and platform our network members’ research and policy recommendations. Our ethnographic reporting has introduced original ideas into academic and policy research.

Our long-running programs on militia violence, state fragmentation, and drivers of conflict have provided the foundation for newer research into aid, sanctions, corruption, climate, rights and identity, religious politics, and migration.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The NYU Humanities Fellowship provides the opportunity to work with the policy research team at Century International in New York City, learning about

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policy-relevant research and analysis, and public engagement aimed at policymakers and a wider readership.

The NYU Fellow will work closely with the core Century International team in New York to advance one or more of the institution's core research programs. The Fellow will also participate in all the other functions of the institution: commissioning, editing, and publishing original research; managing private convenings and workshops; coordinating public events; participating in public outreach to policymakers and opinion leaders.

The Fellow will be expected to join Century staff in New York for in-person work. Century International’s core team works in New York City, and coordinates the work of ten fellows who are located all over the world.

In 2024-25, Century International will be launching programs on governance, rights, energy, and climate in the MENA region, among other lines of research. The Fellow will focus on lines of research best suited to the fellow’s interests; browse Century International’s website for a sense of the breadth of our work. The Fellow will report to Century International director Thanassis Cambanis.

Fellow responsibilities might include:

- As we expand our programming and extend our reach to an Arabic-speaking audience, the fellow might take part in strategy and execution for new audience outreach;
- The fellow might help administer our programs on governance, climate, and political economy;
- Oversee our Arabic-language publications and online presence;
- Assist with our social media presence and podcast production;
- Conduct research and produce original writing in one or more of our research areas;
- Plan and coordinate a fellows research retreat in the MENA region;
- And other tasks.

Our programs produce deep, qualitative, policy-relevant research. We work extensively with researchers and writers from and based in the MENA region to deepen their capacity to conduct rigorous research, and crucially, to write clearly and persuasively for multiple audiences. We have built a network of more than 50 researchers, ranging from newly minted junior to very senior scholars, and continue to mentor them and edit their work across project cycles. This network, created and maintained over the course of a decade, is one of our proudest achievements.

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All of our research programs heavily involve local scholars and researchers, to whom we offer a rare opportunity to be paid while conducting rigorous, impartial research in collaboration with local, regional, and international peers.

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