

**The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous  
2017 Summer Institute for Teachers  
Alfred Lerner Fellowship Program Overview**

**Background**

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) held its first Summer Institute for Teachers at Clark University in June 2000. Since June 2001, the program has been held at Columbia University in New York City. The Summer Institute is an intensive academic seminar in which participants learn from Holocaust survivors such as Roman Kent and from renowned Holocaust scholars including Doris Bergen, Volker Berghahn, Peter Hayes, Lawrence Douglas, Debórah Dwork, Robert Jan van Pelt, Samuel Kassow, Michael Steinlauf, Michael Marrus, Jeffrey Burds, Henry Feingold, Alexandra Zapruder, and Atina Grossmann. Following each lecture, participants meet in small groups to discuss pedagogy and to share teaching concepts related to the subject of the lecture.

Teachers selected to participate in the JFR Summer Institute for Teachers are known as Alfred Lerner Fellows. Alfred Lerner, the founding chairman and chief executive officer of MBNA Corporation, who passed away in October 2002, was a valued advisor and supporter of the JFR from its early years.

The Summer Institute brings together approximately thirty participants each year. Participants include teachers nominated by each of the participating centers in the JFR Holocaust Centers of Excellence Program, newly hired center education staff, and teachers from the New York – New Jersey metropolitan area. Since 2001, the JFR has extended full scholarships to teachers from Eastern European countries through a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department. In 2017, the JFR will again host teachers from Poland and Croatia.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) and by members of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Board of Trustees.

**Dates**

The dates for the 2017 Summer Institute for Teachers are Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29, 2017.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in the program, participants must teach language arts, English, social studies, or history at the middle or high school level. We will also accept theology/religion and geography teachers. We consider middle school to start at 6th grade. As a general rule, we do not accept math, science or foreign language teachers into the program. Teachers must have taught at least five years, be at least five years from retirement, and currently teach the Holocaust in their classrooms. Candidates should have attended at least one Holocaust teacher training workshop/seminar.

**Cost**

The participant fee is \$775 for each educator who attends the program. The JFR will cover lodging, all breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and two dinners (Sunday and Wednesday nights), beginning with breakfast on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. For those individuals arriving on Saturday, June

24<sup>th</sup>, the JFR will also cover the cost of lodging for Saturday night; however, the JFR will not provide or cover the cost of meals for Saturday. The dorm we will be in 2017 has private rooms. The bathrooms are shared. We hope to have women on one floor and men on another.

### **Responsibility**

Each teacher selected to participate in the program must agree to serve as a teacher-trainer and resource person for his or her nominating center as well as for the JFR. You will be asked by your nominating center to sign an agreement with your center.

### **Content Outline**

#### **Prior to Attending the Summer Institute for Teachers – to be included with your application.**

Each participant in the Summer Institute for Teachers is required to submit a content outline of his or her entire unit on the Holocaust. Please indicate the length of the unit, the grade level, the course(s) in which this unit is taught, and when during the school year you teach your unit on the Holocaust. Also, include your objectives for the unit and your expected student outcomes. If you teach at a public school, please indicate each state standards/Common Core Standards the lesson addresses. Please submit the content outline with your completed application.

#### **Following the Summer Institute for Teachers – to be submitted by September 1, 2017.**

The JFR is very interested on how the Summer Institute positively impacts the ability of teachers to teach the Holocaust. To answer this question, the JFR is requesting that each participant in the Summer Institute for Teachers provide the JFR with a short 1-2 page paper on how you intend to change your unit on the Holocaust with respect to content – what are you adding, modifying, and/or not including as a result of your attending the Summer Institute for Teachers. We also want to know if you plan on changing how you present the material to your students.

Additionally, we are requesting that each participant provide the JFR with one revised lesson plan from your unit of study on the Holocaust. We would like the original lesson plan that you used with your students prior to the Summer Institute and the revised lesson plan.

**We are requesting that your revised unit on the Holocaust and revised lesson plan be submitted to the JFR by Friday, September 1, 2017.**

### **Logistics**

Participants will be housed in a dormitory on the Columbia campus that is converted into conference housing during the summer. The non-smoking rooms are private. Bathrooms are located in the hall and are private.

The program begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2017, and runs through 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017. If you live outside the New York City metropolitan area, you should plan to arrive at Columbia by the evening of Saturday, June 25, 2017. The JFR will cover the cost of lodging for Saturday night; however, the JFR will not provide or cover the cost of meals for Saturday. For those of you arriving at Columbia on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, please be aware that the Conference Service check-in desk in the dorm where we will be staying closes at 9:00 p.m. If possible, please schedule your travel so that you will arrive at Columbia by 9:00 p.m. If you will be arriving after 9:00 p.m., we will arrange with Columbia Conference Housing so that you can check in once you arrive. Several weeks before the program, we will send a packet of

information about the Columbia campus with a map, registration details, and other information about the program. All participants are expected to stay in the dorm at Columbia.

If you live in the New York City metropolitan area, please arrive at Columbia on Sunday morning, June 25, 2017, by 8:00 a.m. All participants should plan their travel to permit them to arrive at Columbia by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday and not to leave Columbia before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

For those of you who will be flying, we ask that you **not** book return flights that leave before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure that you have enough time to get to the airport. If you have trouble finding affordable flight options that depart after 4:00 p.m., please call the JFR office at 212-727-9955 to discuss options before you make your reservation.

**Please do not book your travel until you have been notified by the JFR that you have been accepted into the program.** For those who will be driving, the only parking available is in private lots (they tend to be expensive). It is the responsibility of participants to cover all parking costs. **We strongly recommend that you leave your car at home.** Columbia is easily accessible by subway from Penn Station for those who travel on Amtrak or New Jersey Transit. The campus is also a short taxi ride from LaGuardia Airport – a bit farther from Kennedy.

Program materials will be sent out as soon as a participant has been admitted into the program. **It is expected that all participants will complete the assigned reading before arriving at Columbia.**