

Ion Ratiu Democracy Fellowship —Instructions for Applicants

Building on the accomplishments of the Ion Ratiu Democracy Award (2005-2016), the Ion Ratiu Democracy Fellowship (IRDF) aims to support individuals around the world who are working on behalf of democracy as activists or intellectuals, whether they are in exile from repressive regimes or operating within emerging democracies.

Recipients of the Ion Ratiu Democracy Fellowship will have an opportunity to engage with the Washington policy, media and scholarly communities, but also to find time for reflection and writing on democratic activism often not possible in the day-to-day struggle in their home/exile country. In this sense the IRDF will seek to replicate the type of life-changing experience that Ion Ratiu encountered as a young Romanian democracy activist in Washington in the 1970s and 1980s.

While pursuing their own projects during their time at the Wilson Center, Fellows are expected to hold public lectures on the themes of democracy and democratic activism while conducting research on a specific project. In addition, Fellows will actively participate in discussions with the public policy and academic communities, including giving speeches and lectures at other institutions and taking part in meetings and conferences. Fellows are encouraged to publish their findings in long or short form through the Wilson Center multi-media portals.

The IRDF is supported by the Ratiu Family Charitable Foundation, established in 1979. The Foundation aims to further education and research in Romanian culture and history, and to stimulate and support civil society in its understanding and application of democracy and democratic principles worldwide.

The IRDF will be hosted by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars which aims to unite the world of ideas to the world of policy by supporting pre-eminent scholarship and linking that scholarship to issues of concern to officials in Washington.

The Ion Ratiu Democracy Fellowship provides awardees with a stipend to spend from one to three months at the Wilson Center. Under the terms of the grant, the IRDF offers a monthly stipend of \$5,000. Fellows are required to be in residence at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. for the duration of their grant.

Citizens or permanent residents from any country (applicants from countries outside the United States must hold a valid passport and be able to obtain a J-1 visa even if they are currently in the United States). English proficiency as the Center is designed to encourage the exchange of ideas among its fellows

The Application

A complete application must include the following:

1. the following Application Form
2. An essay on planned objectives and activities (not to exceed 2,000 words);
3. A curriculum vitae, listing relevant experiences, accomplishments and publications (not to exceed three pages);
4. a list of relevant literature and resources;
5. Two letters of recommendation (or one nomination letter and one additional recommendation).

This PDF is fillable, but applications may either be submitted in hard-copy by post or completed electronically and sent as PDF files by e-mail. Please do not send sample publications.

PERSONAL DATA (Please complete using Latin letters. Write your name as it appears on your international passport.)

<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
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Home Address:	Work Address:
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Home telephone _____ Work telephone _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Professional title and institutional affiliation _____

Citizenship _____ Date of Birth _____
month/day/year

Proposed dates of fellowship _____

Field of Activism/Study _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Title of Project _____
