

The Modern War Institute (MWI) at West Point cordially invites all interested parties to submit applications for the Adjunct Scholar program.

## Background

The Modern War Institute at West Point is pleased to announce the rollout of its Adjunct Scholar program and is looking to recruit leading thinkers of modern warfare to apply. MWI is a new research center at West Point devoted to the study of contemporary conflict by conducting rigorous and original research, convening interdisciplinary panels, and educating the next generation of military leaders. MWI will leverage the intellectual capital unique to West Point and serve as a vital resource in the study of modern warfare, not only for the Academy, but also for the Army as a whole. Our staff and faculty regularly publish their opinions, ideas, and analysis in publications such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Foreign Affairs*. The purpose of the visiting scholar program is to build on this success and help develop the institute's research program, advise and contribute to MWI programming and events, and assist in the development of West Point's curricula and provide guest lectures. Specifically we are looking for adjunct scholars who can carry out research related to specialized topic areas, including megacities, subterranean warfare, and cyber operations. The Adjunct Scholar position is highly competitive and open to anyone with a Ph.D. or other terminal degree and whose research interests align with MWI's mission statement to provide intellectual tools on recent and on-going conflicts to educate present and future leaders on military problems and the necessary problem solving skills to win in a complex world. We are recruiting from all ranks and professional backgrounds. Scholars are unpaid, but travel will be compensated.

## Purpose

The purpose of the program is fourfold:

1. To *expand* our ability to carry out original research on modern war by tapping into the intellectual talents of the best researchers in their respective fields.
2. To *enhance* our ability to carry out innovative programming, from speaker series to panel discussions, by allowing us to draw from a larger network of scholars, panelists, speakers, moderators, and guest lecturers.
3. To *build* MWI's presence in the wider military & foreign policy arenas beyond West Point as a major source for information on modern war.
4. To *foster* a community of scholars, analysts, journalists, and practitioners all devoted the study of modern war.

## Eligibility

Our Adjunct Scholar program is open to anyone of any age committed to the ideals of the institute and the U.S. Army. Applicants do not need to be U.S. citizens, but they should have an in-depth understanding of the contemporary battlefield. Candidates should possess a Ph.D. or other terminal degree, a theoretical and practical understanding of modern warfare, and extensive experience in

the field. They should be senior professionals who have ideally published widely in their disciplines, whether it is peer-reviewed research or opinion essays in major publications. We value diversity and encourage professionals from all disciplines and backgrounds to apply.

## Requirements

An Adjunct Scholar will be affiliated with West Point's Modern War Institute and will a) carry out independent research related to MWI's mission, whether directly as an author or indirectly as a peer reviewer; b) provide feedback on how to build the institute and leverage the intellectual capacity of faculty, fellows, and our cadets; c) contribute to ongoing debate on war and warfare – scholars will be expected to regularly contribute to the War Council blog and publish at least one article for external publication d) participate in symposia, acting as moderator, panelist, discussant, or speaker; and e) contribute towards West Point's curricula development, including as a guest lecturer for Defense and Strategic Studies (DSS) courses.

Requirements include:

- a. Contribute at least two short posts to War Council blog over 12 months
- b. Publish at least one opinion essay in a major publication related to modern warfare
- c. Produce or contribute to a short research project related to one of MWI's issue areas
- d. Make at least one visit to campus per year to take part in MWI events, meet informally with faculty, and provide a guest lecture for cadets in our classrooms
- e. Act as an informal advisor to MWI faculty, staff and cadets for programming, curricula-development, theses/capstone projects, and other MWI-related projects
- f. Serve as external peer reviewers for our research products

## Application Procedure

Please send us a CV, a published writing sample, and a one-page cover letter detailing three items: First, your relevant work and research experience; second, a proposed research project and/or panel idea related to your own expertise, why it's militarily relevant, and how it fits into MWI's mission statement; and third, how the larger West Point community of cadets and alumni would benefit from your scholarship. CVs should be as concise as possible and include only relevant publications and experience. Please send in PDF format with subject line "MWI Adjunct Scholar Application" to [admin@modernwarinstitute.org](mailto:admin@modernwarinstitute.org) NLT than 5 p.m. on March 1, 2016.

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