

The Modern War Institute (MWI) at West Point cordially invites all interested parties to submit applications for its Non-Resident Fellows program.

Background and Mission

The Modern War Institute is pleased to announce the rollout of its Non-Resident Fellowship program and is inviting leading thinkers on modern war and warfare from a variety of professional backgrounds 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 fellows program is to help build on this success and develop the institute's research program, contribute to programming and events, and assist in the development of West Point curricula, advise cadets, and provide guest lectures. The fellowship is highly competitive and open to anyone whose research, writing, and professional interests are in line 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. Fellows will be expected to visit West Point at least once during their 12-month fellowship to participate in panels, guest lecture in classes, and brief our senior faculty. We are recruiting from all ranks and professional backgrounds. Fellowships are unpaid, but travel will be compensated.

Purpose

The purpose of MWI's Fellows program is fourfold:

1. To *expand* our ability to conduct 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 Non-Resident Fellows 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 an advanced

degree, a theoretical and practical understanding of modern warfare, and some experience in the field. They should be mid-career 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

A Non-Resident Fellow will be affiliated with West Point's Modern War Institute and will be expected a) to conduct and/or advise on independent research related to MWI's mission, whether directly as an author or indirectly as a peer reviewer; b) to provide feedback on how to build the institute and leverage the intellectual capacity of its faculty, fellows, and cadets; c) contribute to ongoing debate on war and warfare – Fellows will be expected to occasionally contribute to the War Council blog and publish at least one article for external publication during their fellowship; d) to assist in MWI symposia as moderator, panelist, discussant, or speaker, and curricula development, as a guest lecturer for courses within the Defense & Strategic Studies (DSS) Program.

Requirements include:

- a. Contribute at least two blog posts to War Council over the course of 12 months
- b. Produce, contribute to, or coauthor a longer-term research project or proposal
- c. Make at least one visit to campus per year to participate in MWI programming, and engage in informal faculty discussions
- d. Give one guest lecture to a Defense and Strategic Studies (DSS) course or other relevant course over one-year term
- e. Serve as an external peer reviewer for MWI-sponsored research

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 fellowship. CVs should be as concise as possible and include only relevant publications and experience. Please send in PDF format with subject line "MWI Fellowship Application" to admin@modernwarinstitute.org NLT than 5 p.m. on March 1, 2016.