

## President Néstor Kirchner Fellowship

### Seventh Edition

### CALL 2017-2018 FOR FOUR FELLOWSHIPS

Organized by:

**Observatory on Latin America, The New School, New York, United States**

**Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

### RULES

**Article 1. Applicants:** Fellowship 1 is only open to citizens of Argentina. Fellowship 2 is only open to citizens of another country within Latin America and the Caribbean. Fellowships 3 and 4 are open to citizens of Latin America and the Caribbean. In all cases, applicants must verifiably demonstrate that they are in the early stages of their careers in both of the following two fields: 1. In academia they must have either completed a postgraduate degree (master or doctorate) within the past 15 (fifteen) years or are currently working towards a postgraduate degree; 2. In politics, public service, and civil society, they must be either currently working or have previously worked in public service organizations for the state at the national, provincial, or municipal levels, in a registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs), or in an international or regional organization. Applicants must have verifiable experience of a minimum of 4 (four) years and maximum of 15 (fifteen) years in politics, public service, or civil society. Applicants must submit a copy of their graduate degree(s) or graduate certificate of the master or PhD in progress, in addition to certificates showing proof of employment. Applicants are required to possess proficiency in English (Internet-based Toefl exam score of at least 100, or equivalent proficiency certified by a recognized institution).

**Article 2. How to participate:** Each applicant must complete their Application Form which can be found [here](#), and attach the Essay and the certificates. The Essay must be written by the applicant and be about one of the three topics listed below related to Latin America and the Caribbean: 1. Territories, regions, cities and environment for inclusive development (design, sustainable development, transportation and communications infrastructure, housing, urban services -utilities-, social economy, urban economy, urban policy, citizen participation); 2. Media and democracy for inclusive development (innovative IT, social media networks, support for education and knowledge, culture and political participation, media democratization, rights to information -quality and access-); 3. Public policies for inclusive development and social justice (critique of neoliberal economic model, and promotion of new models for development and growth, definition of the role of the State in income distribution and equity promotion, inclusive public policies -social security, health, employment, infrastructure, economic development, education, science and technology-, human rights, regional cooperation and integration). The Essay must reflect one of the following options: 1. A preview of the applicant's masters or doctoral thesis currently in progress; 2. A summary of the applicant's completed masters or doctoral thesis; 3. An analysis or critical interpretation of current or completed work in public or social service, identifying the applicant's role within this context. The essay should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words. Longer theses will be accepted, but must be accompanied by a summary of the length mentioned above. Under no circumstances will essays written by a collective group of authors be accepted. The Application Form and the Essay must be presented together in two versions: one in English and one in Spanish (or Portuguese).

**Article 3. Reception of applications and required documents:** In order for the application to be considered received, the Application Form and Essay must be submitted online to <http://www.becanestorkirchner.org/sitio/solicitud.asp>, prior to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 5:00pm Buenos Aires time or 5:00pm New York time, in the manner described in Article 2 of these Rules.

**Article 4. Evaluation Committee:** From the applications received, the Evaluation Committee will select applicants to be awarded Fellowship 1 (Fellow from Argentina), Fellowship 2 (Fellow from Latin America and the Caribbean, excluding Argentina), and Fellowships 3 and 4 (Fellows from Latin America and the Caribbean). The selections made by the Evaluation Committee and the granting of the four Fellowships is non-negotiable and final. The Evaluation Committee can declare one, two three or four of the Fellowship Awards vacant if deemed appropriate. The Evaluation Committee will be announced in May 2017. The Secretariat of the Evaluation Committee will be led by Christian Asinelli, Marcelo Bufacchi, Michael Cohen, Margarita Gutman, María Carrizosa, Geraldina Brid and Ileana Versace.

**Article 5. Fellowships:** The 4 (four) Fellows, i.e. the four applicants awarded Fellowship 1, 2, 3 and 4 by the Evaluation Committee, will be entitled to: one economy round-trip air ticket from their city of residence to New York during the dates stipulated in the implementation schedule which is located below in Article 9 of these Rules; lodging in New York for two weeks during the Fellowship; and a one-time payment of U\$S1,000 (one thousand U.S. dollars) as an honorarium and for subsistence costs, to be given to the Fellow during his/her stay in New York. Fellowships 1 and 2 will take place November 5-18, 2017. Fellowships 3 and 4 will take place February 25-March 10, 2018. The airline and type of lodging provided will be decided exclusively by the organizers. It is the obligation of the awarded applicant to have the personal documentation necessary for travel, including personal health insurance and others.

**Article 6. Execution of Fellowships:** The Fellowships consist of a two-week working stay at The New School, located in New York City. During this period, each Fellow will attend the following activities, according to a pre-established agenda arranged by the organizers: 1. Seminar to be held at The New School: the Fellow will present and discuss their work with undergraduate and graduate students and professors from different disciplines (the Fellow's essay will be distributed prior to the Seminar). 2. Exchange: The Fellow will have exchanges with professors of other universities in New York, political and civil society leaders, based on the interests and profile of the Fellow, with a schedule created in consultation with the Fellow and prepared by the organizers, and with a minimum of 3 meetings. 3. Public Lecture (required): the Fellow will give a public lecture at The New School, with date, location, and time to be determined by the organizers, in which the Fellow will present the highlights of his/her Essay, discuss the progress made in their activities and share their expectations, after which will be a questions and answers session. 4. Visits: the Fellow will visit civil society organizations and multilateral institutions (The United Nations and/or others), offices of local government, cultural centers, museums, and public and university libraries. The schedule for these visits will be made in consultation with the Fellow and prepared by the organizers. The Fellow must take part in a minimum of 3 visits. At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the Fellow must submit a Final Essay between 8,000 and 15,000 words, in which he/she elaborates on the discussions held and contributions and suggestions received throughout the duration of the Fellowship. The Final Essay must be submitted in English as well as in Spanish (or Portuguese) and submitted to The New School (by email to [info@becanestorkirchner.org](mailto:info@becanestorkirchner.org)) no later than three months after the conclusion of the Fellowship. After the Final Essay is approved by The New School and the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, the Final Essay will be published in a digital version as "Working Papers" at the official website. A hard copy of the Final Essay will be published in due course. The Final Essay must be original (not published). The Fellow, as author of the Final Essay, must remain in contact with the organizers and the Editorial Committee until the Essay's

publication, and must make corrections as requested by the Committee, i.e. providing necessary information and graphic materials, in accordance with the publication schedule. The Editorial Committee reserves the right not to publish those works which do not comply with these requirements during the time allotted.

**Article 7. Rights of publication, reproduction and exhibition:** The four selected Fellows will yield partial or total rights of the Essays presented for publication, reproduction and/or exhibit to the Observatory on Latin America, The New School, New York and the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina. All reproduction and exhibition for commercial purposes is excluded. Selected Fellows may not reproduce nor exhibit the Final Essays of their authorship that are presented in this Fellowship prior to the publication of those Final Essays on the websites of the organizing institutions. In the case of reproduction or exhibitions after said publication, the Fellows must include in the presentation and different variants of the publication of their work, the following text: "Work elaborated with the support of the President Néstor Kirchner Fellowship, 2017-2018." Situations not provided for in these Rules shall be decided upon by the organizers.

**Article 8. Calendar of the call for competition of Fellowships:**

February 1<sup>st</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Consultation period to [info@becanestorkirchner.org](mailto:info@becanestorkirchner.org).

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017: Opening of the reception of Applications.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017: Deadline for submission of Application.

August, 2017: Announcement in Buenos Aires of the four selected Fellows and subsequent publication of the announcement on the official website.

**Article 9. Calendar execution of Fellowships**

November 5 - 18, 2017: Fellowship 1 (Fellow from Argentina) and Fellowship 2 (Fellow from Latin America and the Caribbean, excluding Argentina)

February 25 - March 10, 2018: Fellowships 3 and 4 (Fellow from Latin America and the Caribbean).

The organizers reserve the right to modify the planned dates on behalf of production and logistical reasons.

**Article 10. Presentation and participation in this competition for the awarding of four Fellowships implies complete acceptance to the present Rules.**