

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Dear Javeed Ul Aziz Bakshi,

I am delighted to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the 2016 Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA) fellowship program at Columbia University. Along with a highly qualified group of practitioners, you have been chosen from a competitive pool of approximately 175 applicants. Your participation in AHDA will be partially funded by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Fund.

We look forward to welcoming you to this non-degree, privately funded program. While you are with us, you will attend courses related to your work, skills-based workshops, and seminars that explore methodologies and disciplines in which historical dialogue can be used. You will also attend a number of site visits related to historical dialogue projects, and you will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of institutions and organizations based in New York and Washington, D.C. We will ask you to give public presentations on your work and on the historical dialogue project that you will develop while here, both to the Columbia University community and to external audiences. We recommend that you bring materials about your work—such as pamphlets, annual reports or a PowerPoint presentation—with you.

The program begins on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 and ends on Thursday, December 15, 2016. By accepting admission to the 2016 program, you are committing to being a part of the program from Wednesday, August 31, 2016 and ends on Thursday, December 15, 2016. If you have any pre-existing plans to be outside of New York City during that time period, **please inform me** when you accept our offer of admission. You will be free almost every weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) of the program but we expect you to be in residence at Columbia University during the week (Mondays to Fridays).

Please let me know no later than **June 7<sup>th</sup>** if you will accept this invitation to participate in the 2016 AHDA program. Should you accept the offer to attend the program, you will need to fill out the attached form and send it and all accompanying documentation to us, including the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). You should send the attached paperwork to the AHDA program coordinator, Timothy Wyman-Mccarthy ([tw2468@columbia.edu](mailto:tw2468@columbia.edu)) **no later than June 14, 2016**. Please also provide us with a **new letter of institutional support** from your organization. **Your supervisor must clearly state in the letter that s/he supports your participation in the program**. Please send this letter to me by email by June 14<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend the program. It is important for us to know that your organization still supports your participation in the 2016 AHDA program.

Program costs (workshops, seminars, university library privileges, site visits and other direct and indirect costs incurred by the university), will be covered by your fellowship. Your funding will also cover housing and travel costs up to but not exceeding approximately 8,400USD. We expect this amount to cover your housing, international travel, visa fees, health insurance, and the cost of travel to Washington, DC. You are responsible for any outstanding costs, in particular the cost of incidentals (food, spending money, etc.) and local transportation. We estimate that the sum total of these expenses will amount to 4,800-5,200USD.

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We will be sending you additional information in the near future, so please be sure to check your email regularly. If you are going to accept admission to the program, when you write to me please also provide me with the following information: primary email address, primary telephone number(s), fax number, and preferred mailing address, and kindly let me know if you plan to be traveling and/or away from your email anytime between now and late August 2016.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. Again, please let me know by email if you are able to participate in the program as soon as possible. Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2016 AHDA program. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,



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