



Center for Russia, East Europe,
and Central Asia

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Pre-doctoral dissertation fellowships in Social Science of Russia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
Deadline to apply: April 30, 2019**

The Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison invites applications for one-semester [Wisconsin Russia Project](#) pre-doctoral dissertation fellowships for Russian social scientists, funded with a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Fellows are expected to be in residence in Madison, Wisconsin, and to conduct research toward their dissertation about Russia in one or more of the five topic areas: 1) Education, labor markets, and inequality; 2) Law and society; 3) Political economy; 4) Identity, place, and migration; and 5) Demographic change. Graduate fellows will conduct research in consultation with UW faculty and form close contacts with UW PhD students working on similar topics. They will attend the weekly CREECA lecture series and take part in the activities of the Wisconsin Russia Project, such as monthly meetings of all project participants to discuss recent research papers in the field.

The fellowships will be either for the fall 2019 or the spring 2020 semester. Applicants should indicate their preference (fall, spring, or no preference) in their cover letter. The anticipated fall 2019 appointment dates are: August 9, 2019-January 2, 2020. The anticipated spring 2020 appointment dates are January 3-May 17, 2020. Fellows will also be expected to participate in a conference in Madison in summer 2020 (conference dates TBD; funds will be available for travel to Madison for the conference).

Eligibility: Applicants must be citizens of the Russian Federation and currently enrolled at a Russian university, writing a dissertation toward a PhD (or equivalent degree, such as the *kandidat*) in a social science discipline (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Law, Political Science, and Sociology). Applicants from institutions outside of Moscow are especially encouraged to apply.

Graduate fellows will be considered short-term academic staff at UW-Madison and will receive a stipend of approximately \$2,000 per month (pre-tax) to cover living expenses. Fellows are eligible for basic health insurance through the State of Wisconsin. Fellows must be prepared to cover their travel expenses to arrive in Madison for the fellowship.

Fellows must devote full time to the Wisconsin Russia Project and may not accept any other major activities that require frequent and/or prolonged absence from UW-Madison during the tenure of their fellowship.

All applicants are required to submit the following materials:

1) A cover letter. The letter should describe the research the applicant will conduct during the fellowship (including topic, data and methodology, and expected output by the end of the fellowship period), should indicate which topic area(s) of the five listed above the project falls under, and should identify a UW faculty member who would be an appropriate mentor for the applicant;

- 2) A current curriculum vita;
- 3) An article-length writing sample;
- 4) Transcripts of graduate-level work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable); and
- 5) **Three** letters of recommendation from faculty members who can evaluate the applicant's work and proposal.

Applicants should combine the first three items listed above into a single PDF, name the file using the convention "Applicant's Last Name _WRP Graduate Fellow application" and email the PDF as an attachment with the subject title "Last Name _WRP Graduate Fellow Application" to:

russiaproject@creeca.wisc.edu

Unofficial graduate transcripts can be sent via email in a separate PDF to russiaproject@creeca.wisc.edu using the file name "Applicant's Last Name _WRP Graduate Fellow transcripts" OR via hard copy to the address below.

The three letters of recommendation should come either directly from the recommenders or from a dossier service. They should **not** be submitted by the applicant. Recommenders should submit the letters as email attachments to: russiaproject@creeca.wisc.edu . Please include as your subject title "Applicant's Last Name _WRP Graduate Fellow Letter."

If necessary, materials may be sent in hard copy to:

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Cover letters, CVs, and writing samples must be submitted in English. (Letters of recommendation may be in English or Russian.)

Deadline: for full consideration, all materials must be received by April 30, 2019.