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**The Lubar Institute
for the Study of
the Abrahamic
Religions**

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The Lubar Institute is a unit of the College of Letters and Science, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Application for the 2015-16

Lubar Interfaith Student Groups

Two non-credit, academic-year programs engage UW students in candid conversation about three Abrahamic religions: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

Students meet as a group to discuss specific topics which look at the intersection between these religions.

The Forum

meets monthly • up to 25 students

The Fellows

meets weekly • up to 9 students • \$750 stipend • more immersive than the Forum, with regular reading and writing projects, and other activities • Fellows also participate in Forum meetings

These meetings are organized by Ulrich Rosenhagen, Associate Director of the UW Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions.

To participate, you should be willing to share your experiences and knowledge of at least one Abrahamic religious tradition (Islam, Judaism, or Christianity).

You must be a student in good standing at UW-Madison, registered for the entire academic year 2015-16, be enrolled for at least six credits each semester, and commit to attend all scheduled meetings.

You should be highly motivated and ready to engage people of different (or no) religious backgrounds with both candor and sensitivity. You need not belong to any formally established religious institution or hold any particular beliefs.

All participants should be able to treat other participants with respect even if differences of opinion arise.

The Forum

2015-16 SCHEDULE

The Forum meets monthly, on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13
February 14
March 13
April 10

SAMPLE MONTHLY FORUM TOPICS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Conceptions of the Body

Religion and Science

Notions of God in the Abrahamic Traditions

Worship and Practice

Cultural Stereotypes of Jews, Christians, Muslims

Why Should There be Dialogue among Religions?

Gender Roles; Sexual Ethics; Dating Across Religious Boundaries

Experiencing Religion and Religious Dialogue Abroad

Faith and Orthodoxy: Liberal Views vs. Conservative and Fundamentalist Views

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The Fellows

2015-16 SCHEDULE

The Fellows will determine their weekly group meeting time at the start of the fall semester. **All Fellows also participate in the monthly Forum meetings** (see schedule at left).

MAIN ASSIGNMENTS AND PROJECTS

- Weekly readings provided by the group advisor, Ulrich Rosenhagen.
- One short writing project at the start of the year, based on your interview with another Fellow in the group (you interpret their expectations, thoughts, and concerns).
- Three writing projects (3 to 4 pages) during the year on topics of the Fellows' choosing. These writing projects should offer personal reflections on class sessions, readings, Forum meetings, or anything related to your discussions and experiences at the Lubar Institute.
- Organize a public campus event to help other UW students become more aware of interfaith activities.
- Preparation for two or three speaking engagements.
- Planning the monthly Forum meetings in cooperation with other students.
- Attend occasional events specially organized for Fellows, such as meetings with visiting lecturers and campus guests.
- Organize the "Open Houses of Worship" weekend visit to a synagogue, mosque, and church.
- Provide brief written assessment on your Lubar Institute experience.
- As your class schedule allows, attend the Lubar Institute's "Nostra Aetate" conference, October 12-13, on campus.

Fellows receive a tuition stipend totaling \$750, split between and paid at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

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Students selected to be a Fellow are invited to meet with this year's outgoing Fellows on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 pm.

1 CHOOSE

Applicants should specify whether they are applying for a Fellow position, or for the Forum.

Anyone who chooses to apply to be a Fellow, but is not selected for that group, will automatically be considered as an applicant for the Forum.

- Applying only for the **Forum** (large monthly group meeting).
- Applying to be either a **Fellow** (small weekly group, plus monthly Forum meetings) or in the Forum.

Please return application materials by April 27, 2015.

Send via campus mail or USPS to:
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OR

Hand-deliver to mailbox 5010 on the 5th floor of Mosse Humanities (in the northeast corner)

OR

Send as an email attachment to Ulrich Rosenhagen (rosenhagen@wisc.edu).

2 COMPLETE THIS FORM

🏠 YOUR NAME

🏠 MAJOR (CURRENT OR EXPECTED)

🏠 WISC.EDU EMAIL ADDRESS

🏠 TELEPHONE (BEST NUMBER FOR IN MADISON)

🏠 TELEPHONE (BEST NUMBER FOR OUTSIDE MADISON, IF DIFFERENT)

🏠 SCHOOL-YEAR STREET ADDRESS, WITH ZIP CODE

3 SHORT ANSWERS

Please answer the following questions on another sheet of paper and include your responses with this form. The answers should be typed, double-spaced, and run no more than a single page.

1. List any major extracurricular activities since high school in which you have participated. Please include information that might be especially relevant to this application, such as your having held a leadership position.
2. List any honors or awards you have received since high school.
3. Have you participated in an event with individuals from other religious traditions? If so, please discuss the event, your involvement, and your reactions to the experience.

4 PERSONAL STATEMENT

Write a statement of about two typed, double-spaced pages discussing why you want to participate in Lubar Interfaith Student programs, and what you would like us to know about you. Describe any relevant skills or special perspectives you would bring to the programs as well as any specific experiences that might benefit other participants. Include your statement with this form.

5 COMMITMENT PLEDGE

If accepted, I agree to attend all scheduled meetings of my Lubar Interfaith Student group. (Participants will be excused in the event of illness, family emergencies, or other such events.)

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