

The Ruth Crawford Mitchell Czech/Slovak Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH: The Czechoslovak Connection

Pittsburgh entered Czechoslovak history in May 1918 when President Tomas G. Masaryk came to the city and convened Czechs and Slovaks to sign the Pittsburgh Agreement. This act led to the proclamation of Czechoslovak national independence on October 28, 1918.

The University of Pittsburgh's connection with Czechoslovakia began in 1927, when the city's Czechs and Slovaks formed a committee to create a Czechoslovak Nationality Classroom in its 42-story Cathedral of Learning in its planning stages. This room was their gift to the University.

Alice G. Masaryk, the president's daughter, was a member of the Czechoslovak Room Committee in Prague. Alice's friendship with Ruth Crawford Mitchell had begun in 1919, when Mrs. Mitchell was in Prague as head of a YWCA team to conduct a social survey for the Red Cross. Together, under the patronage of President Masaryk, they created Czechoslovakia's first school of social work.

On March 7, 1939, Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk was the speaker at the dedication of the Czechoslovak Nationality Room. His words on that occasion foreshadowed the tragic events which would soon sweep over Czechoslovakia.

Part of the legacy left by Ruth Crawford Mitchell is an annual scholarship which enables a Czech or Slovak scholar (not a student) to conduct research at the University of Pittsburgh. Applications are encouraged from those who wish to examine current problems in commerce, education, science, public administration, political science, economics, and sociology. Applicants from the academic, government, and business sectors are eligible.

Scholars are expected to spend the Fall Term (approximately 3 ½ months) at the University of Pittsburgh, beginning in late August or early September of the current year. Applicants may contact the Nationality Rooms Program with questions.

The amount of the award is \$7,000. The application deadline is March 30 of each year.

Applications at <http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/content/ruth-crawford-mitchell-fellowship-czech-or-slovak-scholar> (should be opened with Adobe Reader)

PURPOSE:

To bring an individual from the Czech Republic's or Slovakia's academic, government or commercial sector to the University of Pittsburgh for a term of non-degree research which will enhance the applicant's career and deal with problems confronting the Czech and Slovak Republics. Research in education, science, political science, economics and/or sociology is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY:

A resident citizen of the Czech Republic or Slovakia who will return there within three months following the completion of the scholarship to pursue his or her career. Applicants must have completed a university degree, and not be currently enrolled in a university program of study. Several years of work experience is mandatory. An excellent working knowledge of English is required as the scholar will be required to function independently in the Pittsburgh environment.

APPLICATION:

Applications can be found at <http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/content/ruth-crawford-mitchell-fellowship-czech-or-slovak-scholars>. Save the application as a PDF and e-mail to Cristina Lagnese, Scholarship Administrator, at mcl38@pitt.edu. A hard copy should be also mailed to the Nationality Rooms Program office to ensure receipt:

Nationality Rooms Program
1209 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, PA 15260-6271

PROPOSAL:

Applicants should not plan to attend formal classes at the University of Pittsburgh due to high tuition costs. Arranging informal class visits is the scholar's responsibility. Proposals involving interviews, library research and personally conducted surveys should specify a research focus and outline the research methodology.

REFERENCES:

Three references are required, *one of them from a University of Pittsburgh faculty or staff member* who is willing to advise the scholar concerning the research project while in Pittsburgh, provide a work space and internet access, as well as introductions to resources at the University of Pittsburgh. All references must be sent via mail and e-mail to Cristina Lagnese, Scholarship Administrator.

DATES AND LENGTH OF STAY:

The research will take place between late August and mid-December (the completion of the fall term) of the calendar year in which the application is made — approximately 3 ½ months. In order to find suitable housing, awardees are strongly advised to arrive before the last week of August when classes begin.

For further information, contact:

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University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260-6271
Telephone: 412-624-6150; Fax: 412-624-4214
Email: Cristina Lagnese at mcl38@pitt.edu

TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS:

The annual Ruth Crawford Mitchell Award offers the opportunity to a mature individual already pursuing a government, a business or academic career (students are not eligible) the opportunity to conduct specific related research at the University of Pittsburgh. This study should further the applicant's career as well as contribute to the overall body of knowledge within the field and be applicable to problems which confront the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

When applying, keep these points in mind:

The scholar must include a reference from a University of Pittsburgh faculty or staff member. The University faculty member must be willing to (1) serve as a mentor and primary contact for the scholar; (2) provide a work area, temporary email account, computer access and introductions to professional resources. Begin at once to identify such a faculty member and contact him/her, so that the person has time to get to know you and your project, and can feel confident in writing a reference for you. The better you and your faculty reference know each other, the more productive your research project will be.

The scholar is responsible for finding his/her own housing. Email addresses for housing sources are included in the application. There are no residence buildings for international scholars. It is usually easier to find a less expensive room for one person than to locate a short-term furnished apartment for a married couple. If the scholar chooses to bring a spouse, remember that the award is funding for the scholar only. Proof of additional financial resources may be requested by the University's Office of International Services in order to obtain a visa application for the spouse. Temporary housing is available at AirBNB or the Shadyside Inn (see housing section of this packet). Scholars may wish to make use of these venues upon initial arrival, as it may be easier to more thoroughly investigate housing opportunities once they are in the city.

The University of Pittsburgh requires the scholar to obtain a U.S. Social Security number. Plan to do this ten days after your arrival. All University paperwork requires your Social Security number. It can take 10-30 days to receive your card. Library resources and access to the data base require a University identification card which cannot be issued without a Social Security number.

The scholar must attend an Office of International Services Orientation Session as soon as possible upon arrival. The sessions are conducted every Friday in the OIS Conference Room, 700 William Pitt Union. Advance registration is required. Registration can be completed on-line at: www.ois.pitt.edu/about-us/events/

To assist the applicant in obtaining a University of Pittsburgh reference, below are some University department addresses and phone numbers.

To access the University's home page, visit <http://www.pitt.edu>

School of Information Sciences

506 IS Building
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.624.5230

<http://www.ischool.pitt.edu/people/faculty-by-program.php>

School of Medicine

M240 Scaife Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15261
412.648.9000

<http://www.medschool.pitt.edu/index.aspx>

School of Education

5616 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, AP 15260
412.648.1773

<http://www.education.pitt.edu/people/byposition.aspx>

School of Law

202 Law Building
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.648.1400

www.law.pitt.edu/faculty

School of Business

372 Mervis Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.648.1565

<http://www.business.pitt.edu/katz/faculty/byarea.php>

School of Social Work

2112 Cathedral of Learning
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.624.6850

mlc85@pitt.edu
<http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/people>

Health & Rehabilitation Sciences

4020 Forbes Tower
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.383.6565

<http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/DeptFacStaffList.aspx>

School of Engineering

253 Benedum Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.624.9800

<http://www.engineering.pitt.edu/Faculty/>

Public and International Affairs

3407 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.648.7600

<http://www.gspia.pitt.edu/AboutGSPIA/FacultyDirectory/tabid/1366/Default.aspx>

Public Health

624A Public Health Building
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.624.3001

<http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/directory?type=Primary+Faculty>

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

917 Cathedral of Learning
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412.624.6090

<http://www.as.pitt.edu/fac/faculty-directory>

WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, HOUSING, AND THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

UNIVERSITY

University of Pittsburgh

www.pitt.edu

University Office of International Services

www.ois.pitt.edu

HOUSING

University Housing and Property Management

www.pitt.edu/~property

Pitt Off-Campus Housing

www.ocl.pitt.edu

Global Pittsburgh

www.globalpittsburgh.org

AirBNB

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Pittsburgh--PA>

Shadyside Inn

<http://www.shadysideinn.com/>

Other housing/apartment sites

www.apartments.com

<http://pittsburgh.craigslist.org>

www.pittnews.com/classifieds/

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www.pittsburgh.com

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www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks

Cultural activities in the City of Pittsburgh

www.pgharts.org