NEMO Graduate Student Fellowship
2021-2022 Fellowship

Applications deadline (extended): Monday, May 31, 2021

Is democracy working? Are policy decisions improving quality of life for citizens? Are local civil society groups able to effectively support democratic processes in their countries? Improving democratic processes requires informed and effective policy-making based on timely, accurate, and relevant data. And in the area of international democracy and governance, technological tools are increasingly called upon to help provide this data. However, the relationship between the data collected, and its ability to reflect or forecast an overall improvement in democratic practice demands further, thoughtful inquiry.

The Carter Center's Democracy Program and Emory University Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives’ Atlanta Global Partnerships Program will support one NEMO graduate student fellowship in the 2021-2022 academic year. NEMO is The Carter Center's innovative, open source data collection and reporting tool originally developed for election observation (more information at https://getnemo.org). NEMO is currently used organizational wide beyond election observation. Extending its usage to Emory University, NEMO is a powerful research tool for faculty and graduate students conducting research on a wide range of social issues. It is particularly useful for collecting data in countries with limited infrastructure and for collecting data on potentially sensitive topics. The goals of this fellowship include enhancing the applicant's technological, coordinating, and administrative skills; methodological experience in understanding emerging issues within social scientific or humanistic quantitative and qualitative research as well as information and communication technologies on issues related to foreign development aid; and, research opportunities related to elections and democracy in fragile, transitional states.

The Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives (GSI) supports, promotes, and expands Emory University’s global engagement. The university’s strong international network of academic, non-profit, and governmental partners stems from its unique advantage of being located in the globally connected City of Atlanta. Recognizing that Atlanta is a gateway to the world, the Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives has launched Atlanta Global Partnerships to facilitate and steward conditions for synergy among groups engaging in international work within the Emory and Atlanta communities. Atlanta Global Partnerships seeks to implement and support student-focused programs connecting Emory and Atlanta’s global communities through enriched learning experiences. The NEMO Graduate Student Fellowship is one of the student engagement programs offered by the Atlanta Global Partnerships.

This fellowship is open to any graduate student (MA or PhD) in the humanities and/or social sciences in their second year or above. The fellowship will supply a stipend of $14,000. The stipend will be paid in 9 monthly installments. Laney doctoral students who are in their sixth year or above, will receive a 100 percent
subsidy for the Emory University Student Health Insurance Plan (EUSHIP). The Fellow will work approximately 20 hours per week for The Carter Center Democracy Program, having a unique opportunity to shape the collaboration, including the following responsibilities:

- becoming a resource on the NEMO tool for the Emory campus, which includes leading NEMO training sessions and assisting faculty and graduate students who are using NEMO for their own research projects;
- coordinating NEMO trainings linking Atlanta global partner organizations and Emory University;
- learning and testing the various features of NEMO, as well as contributing to the tool’s documentation;
- liaising with members of The Carter Center and Emory on the international NEMO initiative;
- participating in sessions on methodological and technological design, such as around election observation and democracy, violence, and human rights;
- Coordinating with the Digital Threats to Democracy team at the Carter Center to assist in data collection and conduct analysis on threats to democracy arising from social media; and
- other assignments as directed.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements listed below. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the methodological qualifications and research focus of the applicant, including the likelihood that the applicant’s research focus would produce mutually beneficial collaborations. The goals of this fellowship include enhancing the applicant’s technological, coordinating, and administrative skills; methodological experience in understanding emerging issues within social scientific or humanistic quantitative and qualitative research as well as information and communication technologies on issues related to foreign development aid; and, research opportunities related to elections and democracy in fragile, transitional states. The ideal applicant will be proactive and comfortable working within a dynamic environment.

Eligibility and Evaluation
To be considered for the fellowship, applicants must:

- be enrolled - as a graduate student in the humanities, social studies, or related field, and in good standing with both the graduate school and in their program;
- be in their 2nd year or above of their graduate study;
- have evidence of outstanding academic performance

If a prospective applicant has another fellowship or funding source: please confirm in advance before applying that additional funding from the NEMO fellowship is accepted under the terms of that other funding source.

Application Procedure
A complete application must include:

1. **Application Coversheet (A) and Fellowship Coversheet & Skills Sheet(B)** (both are attached at the end of this document).
2. **Statement of purpose to explain interest**, including:
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a. how this fellowship may enhance the applicant’s future career;
b. a brief description of the dissertation, thesis, and/or research project, including progress thus far;
c. coordinating and organizing experience; and

3. Curriculum vitae

4. A letter of recommendation from an Emory faculty member, preferably dissertation director or another faculty member that has worked with the applicant and can speak to his or her progress on the dissertation and/or performance on previous graduate assistantships. Please have the referee send the LoR directly to obse.ababiya@emory.edu by the deadline.

Application Submission
Application files should be submitted as one PDF file to: obse.ababiya@emory.edu by the deadline. The recommender should send a separate email directly to this email address. If you have questions about converting documents to pdf, please visit: https://gs.emory.edu/professional-development/fellowships/advanced.html (see bottom right under Resources, “How to Make PDF Files”)

Award Notifications
The awardee will be notified by the end of June 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Contact Obse Abiya at obse.ababiya@emory.edu.
A. **NEMO Graduate Student Fellowship-Application Coversheet**

**Date:**

**Student Info:**

Full Name:

Emory Email:

Program:

EMPL/Student ID:

When did you start graduate studies at Emory (month/year):

When did you enter candidacy (month/year):  (if not in candidacy, enter N/A)

If you have had an official leave of absence, please indicate how many semesters:

Please list the person who will provide your letter(s) of recommendation for this application:

**Dissertation/Thesis Info** (if you have not yet started a dissertation project, or does not apply to you, please enter N/A)

Project Title:

Committee Chair(s):

Anticipated completion date (month/year):

**Support Info**

Counting this year, how many years of LGS financial support have you received? If this does not apply to you, please indicate here:

Are you supported by PI funding?

If you answered “no”, proceed to the next question. If you answered “yes,” you need to consult with your advisor and/or DGS to make sure that receiving this top-off fellowship would fall within the guidelines of your program as well as the effort certification requirement of your funding source. Your advisor and/or DGS should sign below, to indicate that you have discussed these issues, and that they approve of this application:

________________________    __________________________
Advisor Name/ DGS Name    Advisor Signature/DGS Signature

________________________    __________________________
Have you received any other advanced student fellowships from Emory?

If so, which one?

Please list any other funding you have applied for, or will apply for, to support your work. For each, please list the source, the amount, and the status of the application (e.g., “pending” or “due April 15”).

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B. NEMO Graduate Student Fellowship - Learning Application Coversheet

*Biographical Information*

Last name:
First name:
Current mailing address:
Email:
Telephone number:

**Emergency Contact 1:**
Name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email:
Relation:

**Emergency Contact 2:**
Name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email:
Relation:

*Institutional Information*

School:
Program:
Advisor:
Advisor email:
Current GPA:
Expected Graduation Date:

Are you pre-registered for courses next semester?   Yes ☐   No ☐
Please provide advising document with following semester’s course schedule.

Will you be using this experience to fulfill a practicum requirement? Yes  No

Application Skills Sheet
(Please feel free to provide additional information on a second page)

1. Computing Skills

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II. Teaching and training

If you have taught or co-taught any courses at Emory or elsewhere, please list them here and what role you played in the instruction. Non-academic training experience is also relevant to list.

III. Language Skills

On a scale from 1 (native speaker) to 5 (first semester skills), please rate your skills for the languages in which you have some amount of proficiency.

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