



Jefferson County Memorial Fellowship Application

Applications Due Monday, September 16th

What is the Jefferson County Memorial Project?

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Jefferson County Memorial Project (JCMP) was created after the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) opened the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a groundbreaking memorial in Montgomery dedicated to African American victims of racial terror violence. The Memorial contains monuments corresponding to over 800 counties where EJI documented racial terror lynchings. EJI has invited these counties to host community remembrance efforts around soil collection, historical markers, and the retrieval of their monument to engage communities in local reckonings.

To learn more, we recommend visiting EJI's website prior to completing the application.
<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/>

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY MEMORIAL PROJECT

JCMP is a grassroots coalition. We are currently composed of over 40 community partners and a multi-racial, multi-faith, multi-sector, and multi-generational group of committed volunteers. Together, we will complete the four goals of JCMP:

1. Research the 30 documented victims and their descendants
2. Educate the public on the importance of this history
3. Place historical markers at lynching sites and retrieve our monument from the National Memorial for Peace and Justice
4. Advocate for reform where racial injustice still exists today

It is our hope that our memorial retrieval will help Alabamians confront our history and reconcile for our future. For more information, visit www.jeffersoncountymemorial.com.

What is the JCMP Fellowship?

JCMP RESEARCH FELLOW: To properly remember these men and women, JCMP needs your help understanding our county's history. Until now, their stories have been marginalized and silenced.

During the fall semester, working with a mentor, JCMP Fellows from six Jefferson County colleges and universities will learn how to conduct primary and genealogical research and become trauma-informed discussion leaders. Building on our first cohort's work, this year's Fellows will work to find previously undocumented lynchings in local Birmingham newspapers. They will also interview members of our community who want to share their stories of how racial terror impacted their lives and families. JCMP will publish these findings in a report in February 2020.

For the spring semester, students will serve as campus and community ambassadors, hosting events and discussions around their research. They will also be paired with volunteers from the larger JCMP coalition to help implement educational and public opportunities for all of Jefferson County.

JCMP FILM FELLOW: JCMP is also working to better document our coalition's work. To assist with this, we will select a few students to serve as JCMP Film Fellows. These Fellows will work closely with Michele Forman, Director of Media Studies at UAB, to film and create content around JCMP events. Fellows must have experience with digital video production either through formal production courses or equivalent experiences.



JCMP Fellow Application Details

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Helpful Details:

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are accepted from juniors, seniors, and graduate students attending the following schools: Birmingham–Southern College, Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College, Miles College, Samford University, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

No prior research experience is necessary to participate. We welcome applications from students across all majors and disciplines!

TIMELINE

Students are expected to dedicate 2-4 hours a week to archival research and must attend a meeting one Thursday of every month. The fall semester will be dedicated to research and the spring semester to outreach and planning. The opening dinner for the Fellowship will take place on Thursday, September 26th.

FINANCIAL STIPEND

Stipends are available for students with financial needs that might otherwise prevent them from participating in the Fellowship Program. Please indicate on your application if this is the case, and please feel free to contact JCMP for additional information. JCMP is committed to ensuring that financial issues are not a barrier to participation.

How to Apply:

RESEARCH FELLOW APPLICATION

On or before Monday, September 16th, please email apply@jeffersoncountymemorial.com with a PDF that includes the following:

- Name
- Email
- Phone Number
- Resume
- Are you in need of a stipend to supplement the work for the committee?
- In 500 words or less, please respond to the question: “Why do you think we should remember Jefferson County’s lynchings, and how should we educate the public on this history?”

The application should be submitted as a PDF saved as “[College]_[Last Name]_JCMPFellow”

FILM FELLOW SUPPLEMENT

For students who would like to be considered for the Film Fellowship, please submit all of the above with an additional two videos of sample work.

School Contacts:

For more information or any questions you may have, please reach out to the points of contact at your school:

Birmingham Southern College: William Hustwit, whustwit@bsc.edu

Jefferson State: Matt Boehm, mboehm@jeffersonstate.edu

Lawson State: Gregory Wilson, gwilson@lawsonstate.edu

Miles College: Tony Bingham, tonymbingham@yahoo.com

Samford University: Chris Metres, cpmetres@samford.edu

UAB: Andy Baer, abaer@uab.edu

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