



2024 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 22, 2023

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 coalition with a four-pronged mission of memorializing victims of racial terror violence and expanding our county's understanding of past and present issues of racial injustice. We're proud of the strategic and intentional work that we do with over 40 community partners.

- Research and reach out to descendants of the victims of the 33 Jefferson County lynchings.
- Educate the county on the history and purpose of the monument through museum exhibits, K-12 engagement, a city-wide book discussion, and other programming.
- Place the monument and establish historical markers throughout the county.
- Advocate for criminal justice reform for the city and county.

JCMP will install a structure in Linn Park memorializing our county's documented victims. For more information, www.jeffersoncountymemorial.com/jeffcomonument

What is JCMP Fellowship?

In 2023, the JCMP Fellowship Program presented local college juniors, seniors, and graduate students with the opportunity to take part in a historic initiative with The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. JCMP Fellows continue to have the rare chance to serve as integral partners in the Emmett Till Cold Case Project, supporting the JCDA's efforts through an expanded historical exploration of cases of civil rights violations. They will be a part of our coalition, helping the community heal while educating the public on the importance of that history. Specifically, JCMP is providing support from the initial investigative period through the end of the grant project by engaging our fellows and developing resources for community conversations surrounding the purpose of this project.

During the spring semester, working with a mentor, JCMP Fellows will learn how to become trauma-informed discussion leaders and conduct primary and genealogical research. JCMP will publish these findings in a report in August 2024. You view our previous Fellow's reports at www.jeffersoncountymemorial.com/fellowsresearch.



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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 research and must attend meetings twice each month. Outreach and planning will be the focus of the spring semester. The summer semester will be dedicated to research. In August, we will host a weekend-long retreat for the fellows to prepare for advocacy initiatives.

FINANCIAL STIPEND

All Fellows are eligible for a \$750 financial stipend per semester for their participation in the fellowship.

How to Apply

On or before Friday, December 22, 2023, please email info@jeffersoncountymemorial.com with a PDF that includes the following:

- Full Name
- Email address
- Phone Number
- Resume
- In 500 words or less, please respond to the question: "Why do you think that 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"

Institutional Contacts

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

- Birmingham-Southern College - Dr. Mark Schantz, mschantz@bsc.edu
- Jefferson State Community College - Matthew Boehm, mboehm@jeffersonstate.edu
- Lawson State Community College - Gregory Wilson, gwilson@lawsonstate.edu
- Miles College - Anthony Bingham, tonymbingham@yahoo.com
- Samford University - Dr. Chris Metress, cpmetres@samford.edu
- The University of Alabama at Birmingham - Dr. Andrew Baer, abaer@uab.edu

Please send your completed application to kameryn@jeffersoncountymemorial.com with the application saved as "[College]_[Last Name]_JCMPFellow"