

John and Erma Stutzman Peace Fellows Program:

Call for Applications: September 2026

The Peace Fellows Program was established in 2007, through the generosity of IWU Trustee Emeritus John Stutzman, to support students who are interested in studying, understanding, and promoting issues of peace, conflict resolution, and/or social justice. The aim of the program is to help self-motivated students advance and develop their interests in a focused, substantive, and coherent fashion by providing both community and resources. Additionally, the experience, skills, and record that students acquire as Peace Fellows should help them position themselves for life beyond College – graduate school, law school, the workplace, etc. The Peace Fellows Program is located within the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice.

As part of the program, selected students:

- a) Take selected courses that accord with the student's specific interests in issues of peace, conflict resolution, social justice, or human rights.
- b) Complete a relevant off-campus internship in the United States or abroad.
- c) Work with a faculty mentor on relevant independent research.

Each selected Fellow receives a **stipend of \$1,200.00** to subsidize their study program. Fellows will also be able to apply for up to \$600.00 of additional support to fund a specific project proposal.

In Fall 2026, the Program will select up to four students as Peace Fellows.

This opportunity is open to students from across the campus. For more information, visit <https://www.iwu.edu/human-rights/> or contact Professor William Munro (wmunro@iwu.edu), CLA 255, 556-3629.

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Application Process, September 2026

The application process for the program is designed to evaluate the suitability and the commitment of candidates. There are three components to the application process:

1. Applicants should submit a **statement of interest**, about 2 pages in length, that explains the following:
 - a) How their interest in peace, conflict resolution, and/or social justice issues has developed;
 - b) What personal experiences speak to that interest. Applicants may want to mention relevant academic and course work, extracurricular or extramural activities, or personal histories of civic engagement;
 - c) What types of topics they would like to explore through their coursework, independent study, and internship, should they be selected for the program

The statement of interest should have a cover page that indicates the applicant's name, major, contact information, and GPA (though it should be noted that GPA is not privileged as a selection criterion).

2. Along with their statement of interest, applicants should submit the names and contact information of **two referees** that the selection committee can contact. At least one of these referees must be a University professor.
3. Applicants will have an individual interview with the selection committee. If the committee receives a large number of applications, it will draw up a manageable short list of applicants for final interview, based on components (1) and (2) of the application process.

For this year's selection process, the deadline for receipt of applications is **Monday September 21, by 11.59 pm**. Applications should be e-mailed to Prof. William Munro at wmunro@iwu.edu.

Applicants should be aware that among the criteria for selection that the committee will consider will be assessments of:

- a) seriousness of interest
- b) relevance of the proposed curricular and internship experiences
- c) feasibility of an applicant's broad plan of study

Enquiries should be directed to Prof. William Munro, CLA 255, 556-3629, wmunro@iwu.edu.