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**Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection
Hellenic Research Fellowship Program 2025-2026
Call for Applications**



Now in its 13th year, the Hellenic Research Fellowship Program (HRFP) provides opportunities for visiting scholars and writers-in-residence to spend time in Sacramento, CA, conducting research and crafting their creative works using the resources of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection. Writer-in-residence fellowships were inaugurated in 2024 as an additional component to the HRFP. These fellowships provide opportunities for novelists, poets, playwrights, screenwriters, journalists, translators, and others whose work is animated by or engages with Hellenic culture, and who show significant promise or have a record of publication, to spend time in residence researching and crafting their creative works while enjoying access to the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection.

The HRFP is the only residential fellowship program west of the Mississippi in Hellenic studies; since the Program's inception in 2012, forty fellows from 12 countries, including 13 doctoral students, eight independent scholars, and 20 women, have benefitted from sustained access to the collection in support of original scholarly research and writing. Thus far, these research stays have directly contributed to the fruition of at least two monographs, three completed doctoral dissertations, 12 journal articles, 13 book chapters, 18 conference papers, and various other outputs.

The HRFP provides a limited number of fellowships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 in the form of reimbursement to help offset transportation and living expenses incurred in connection with the awards. Fellowships are open to external researchers/writers anywhere in the world who reside outside a 75-mile radius of Sacramento. Research fellowships are available to scholars at the graduate through senior scholar levels (including independent scholars) working in fields encompassed by the collection's strengths, while an undergraduate degree is the minimum qualification for writer-in-residence fellowships. Fellowships will be awarded not more than once in four years to an individual. (Applicants not selected for a fellowship or others who are in a position to conduct their

research/writing in residence on a self-funded basis may be appointed as Research Scholars through a separate application process. Contact [George I. Paganelis](#) for more information.)

The term of fellowships can vary between two weeks (10 business days) and three months, depending on the nature of the research/project, and for the current cycle will be tenable from September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026. In the event of a disruption to on-campus operations due to pandemic, natural disaster, or other causes, fellowship offers will be deferred until such time as awardees can opt to accept or decline them.

Fellows are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements, though the University can offer advice with this process. On-campus housing options are available during summer months at a considerable savings over off-campus alternatives through [Sacramento State Housing Conference Services](#). [On-campus dining](#) is available year-round either through pay-per-meal options or meal plans.

The fellowship application deadline is April 11, 2025. No late applications will be considered. Paper applications will not be accepted. All applicants must submit the appropriate research or writer-in-residence application with budget and a résumé/CV. Applicants may apply for only one type of fellowship in a given year. Additional specific submission requirements are as follows:

Research fellowships: A research proposal of up to 2,500 words (excluding bibliography). Proposals must include a title, an abstract of the project, a description of project objectives and methodology, background and significance of the project, intended research output(s) and plans for dissemination, and a justification for the requested length of stay/budget. Applicants must also arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the HRFP Review Committee as instructed below.

Research proposals **should cite in detail specific resources from the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection for consultation and the relevance to their research.** Prospective Fellows are urged to consult the Web site of the [Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection](#), [OneSearch](#) (the Library's on-line catalog and discovery system), and the [research guides](#) for Classical, Byzantine, and Modern Greek studies for detailed holdings information as they prepare their proposals.

Writer-in-Residence fellowships: A statement of up to 1,500 words describing the writing project and its significance, how it is influenced by or relates to Hellenic culture, plans for dissemination, a justification for the requested length of stay/budget, and, if applicable, specific resources from the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection for research/consultation. Applicants must also include a writing sample of no more than 3,000 words of prose or 15 pages of poetry (or 2,000 words & 10 pages for writers of prose and poetry). As applicable, indicate the source of the sample and in what form (book, article, etc.) it was published, as well as the date of publication. If you have a publishing contract for the project, please provide relevant details.

The HRFP Review Committee consists of faculty members who will award research fellowships on the basis of applicants' qualifications, significance of their proposals, feasibility of accomplishing stated goals while in residence, and relevance of the proposals to the holdings of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection; writer-in-residence fellowships will be awarded based on applicants' qualifications, significance of their writing projects, feasibility of accomplishing stated goals while in residence, projects with a compelling connection to Hellenic culture, and literary merit.

Amounts awarded will be determined based on applicants' distances traveled to Sacramento and the proposed durations of their stays. The Review Committee reserves the right to offer awards of a modified amount or duration from those requested. Deliberations of the Review Committee are confidential and all decisions are final. The Review Committee cannot provide reviewers' comments or any further information about proposals which do not receive funding. **Awards will be announced by May 1, 2025.**

Fellows will have full access to the print and on-line resources of the University Library, including interlibrary loan, and will be provided workspace during their stay. No secretarial services or office supplies are available to Fellows. Please note: the fellowship does NOT constitute an employment relationship with California State University, Sacramento.

Fellows are encouraged to collaborate with colleagues and to participate in the intellectual life of the university. Before leaving Sacramento, Fellows agree to give a presentation on their research/writing project and to submit a short report (two to three pages) documenting progress in their project as a result of their stay and a brief evaluation of the HRFPP. As part of this Program, Fellows also agree to acknowledge the "Hellenic Research Fellowship Program, Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection, California State University, Sacramento" and its funding source(s) in any resulting research output(s) and to deposit a copy of the same in the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection.

All non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. permanent residents must ensure that they will be able to enter or remain in the U.S. to accept the fellowship. Please note that tax withholdings may apply to fellowships.

Please have confidential letters of recommendation e-mailed directly by the referents as attachments or communicated by a recognized dossier service to George Paganelis at the e-mail below. Letters sent by e-mail must be signed and on letterhead (when applicable). **Letters of recommendation must be received by the same application deadline, April 11, 2025.**

Questions about the Program may be directed to George I. Paganelis, Curator, Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection (paganelis@csus.edu or +1 916-278-4361).