



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

For the spring semester 2026, the Center for Eastern European Studies (CEES) at the University of Zurich offers **3-4** residential fellowships to highly talented and innovative young or mid-career scholars from the field of social sciences or humanities with a research focus on historical or contemporary topics related to Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, or Central Asia. The scholarship is for a period of up to four months starting in mid-February 2026.

While we welcome research proposals on all topics related to the study of Eastern Europe and post-Soviet Eurasia, for the spring semester 2026 fellowship program, we are particularly interested in applications from scholars with an interest in geopolitical trends, economic connectivity and/or transnational social and/or cultural issues related to the **South Caucasus** region.

The deadline of application is **October 1, 2025**.

About the CEES Fellowship Program

The CEES Fellowship Program is typically set up as a four-months (one semester) residential fellowship at the University of Zurich. During this period, the CEES Fellow is expected to pursue her or his independent research in residency and to participate actively in the scholarly activities of the CEES. The Fellow will have access to the relevant libraries and the interdisciplinary community of experts associated with the CEES. The Fellow will hold a lecture, seminar or workshop on his or her research topic. The Fellow is also expected to publish her or his findings in one of the CEES publication outlets.

Funding includes a stipend for living expenses, health insurance, visa support and administrative costs during the period of stay of up to four months. In addition to library access, the fellow will have use of a workspace and other necessary facilities at the CEES. **Please note that we can only consider applicants who are enrolled or employed at their home university.**

Application

A complete application should be sent to CEES by **October 1, 2025**, consisting of the following materials:

- A letter of motivation
- A research proposal (3–5 pages)
- A curriculum vitae (including a list of publications)
- A short writing sample (article or book chapter length)
- A short proposal for a workshop to be held at CEES
- Two letters of recommendation and/or names of two referees

All materials listed above should be written in English and sent in the form of a single PDF document to: cees@hist.uzh.ch

For further information visit at: <https://www.cees.uzh.ch/de/CEES-Fellowship-Program.html>

