Established by a generous gift from the Leon Levy Foundation as a hub for writers, scholars, and students of biography, the Leon Levy Center for Biography at the Graduate Center, CUNY, offers four resident fellowships for the academic year beginning September 2015. Awards include writing space, access to research facilities, and a stipend of $60,000. Emergent or first-time biographers, and writers moving to biography from other genres, are encouraged to apply. Fellows devote their time to their projects and participate in seminars designed expressly for them. They are expected to attend the annual lecture in the fall, the annual conference in the spring, and they are encouraged to partake of the dynamic intellectual community of the Graduate Center and the public programs of the Leon Levy Center for Biography. Applications are particularly welcome from CUNY faculty, but fellows may not teach or partake in other full-time employment during their academic year in residence.

GENERAL APPLICATION RULES AND DEADLINES

Applications and all supporting materials must be typed or legibly printed in English, and may be either submitted using the online forms, or delivered by post or other courier service, postmarked by Monday, December 1, 2014. Late applications may not be considered.

Please note that the Leon Levy Center for Biography does not award fellowships for work on autobiographies, memoirs, or fiction.

If you are submitting your application on paper, please submit THREE collated sets of the following:

• Application and Reference form (two pages)
• Curriculum Vitae / Résumé
• Narrative Account of Career (maximum 250 words)
• Project Description (maximum 750 words)
• Sample of Proposed Biography (maximum 2500 words)

FOUR letters of reference are required and must be submitted by your referees by the deadline.
Please type or clearly print your name on each page that you submit. Do not include materials that are not requested. We are not able to confirm receipt of application materials by telephone or email. You will be informed of the results of your application in mid-April 2015.

APPLICATION FORM

Address and Contact Information
Include your complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Affiliation
If you are not currently affiliated with a university, museum, archive or library, you may skip this section.

Previous Grants and Fellowships
List any major grants & fellowships and the dates of the awards. Please indicate if a grant or fellowship was given in support of the project you wish to pursue at the Leon Levy Center for Biography.

References
The application requires four references who can speak to the quality of your work, the merits of your current project, and the likelihood of your completing your project in the time you have allotted.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Narrative Account of Career
In addition to your CV, please outline the experiences and training that have prepared you to complete this biography. **Narrative should NOT exceed 250 words.**

Project Description
Please provide a summary of the biography project you wish to pursue and what you plan to accomplish during your residency, describing your approach and relevant sources, particularly those that would be available to you in the New York area. **Please limit your project description to 750 words.**

Sample of Proposed Biography
Please include a sample of your proposed biography project. **Please do NOT exceed 2,500 words.**

Send application materials to:
Biography Fellowship Competition
Leon Levy Center for Biography
The Graduate Center, CUNY
365 Fifth Avenue, Room 6104
New York, NY 10016

Application forms may be downloaded at [www.leonlevycenterforbiography.org](http://www.leonlevycenterforbiography.org). Please contact Michael Gately, Program Director, for any questions: biography@gc.cuny.edu or 212-817-2008.