



CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL FELLOWS

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Kroc School and Institute for Peace and Justice

The University of San Diego established the Kroc School to prepare innovative changemakers for careers dedicated to solving humanity's urgent challenges. The Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (Kroc IPJ) works to develop powerful new approaches to end cycles of violence, while advancing that learning locally and globally. Programs at Kroc IPJ aim to support at-risk youth, reduce urban violence, connect women peacemakers, and build a more inclusive and peaceful border region.

Kroc IPJ's Cross-Border Initiatives

From our location in the San Diego-Tijuana metropolis, we engage in action-oriented research and meaningful community partnerships to strengthen peace and justice at the U.S.-Mexico border. Our region is an innovation and manufacturing powerhouse perched at the gateway to Latin America, Asia, and the U.S. West Coast. Binational collaboration between local governments and civil society organizations provides a model for addressing global challenges at the local level. At the same time, both San Diego and Tijuana suffer from tremendous inequality and Tijuana has one of the highest homicide rates in the world. The starting point for our work is the seeming contradiction between the dynamism and marginalization at the border and a recognition that many of the same global forces that drive the border region's successes are responsible for its challenges.

Research, Policy, and Practice Fellows

Kroc IPJ is pleased to announce a call for applications for non-residential Fellows based in Southern California and Baja California working in academia, civil society, or the public sector to build a more inclusive and peaceful border region. Our cohort of Fellows will anchor a cross-border network of local scholars, practitioners, and policymakers working to reduce vulnerabilities for women, provide opportunities for at-risk youth, protect migrants, increase access to justice, contribute to environmental resilience, control violence, and minimize human rights abuses.

The fellowship period is 12 months, during which time participants will learn from and with other leading Fellows and the Kroc School's team. Fellows will receive an \$850/month fellowship and a grant of up to \$5,000 USD for research or a related activity that furthers their work. The appointment is non-residential, and Fellows will continue with their normal professional or educational activities simultaneously.

We encourage applicants from a variety of sectors and backgrounds to apply. We welcome applications from graduate students and early-career professionals, as well as senior-level professionals and scholars. A successful applicant could be anyone, from a volunteer at an NGO or a freelance journalist to a renowned researcher. Fluency in both English and Spanish is helpful, but not required. You do not need to be a U.S. citizen to apply.



Application Process

Interested applicants should upload a one-page letter of interest (LOI) by the February 25 deadline. The LOI should clearly indicate your current institutional affiliation, the focus of your work, and the ways in which your efforts contribute to a more peaceful and inclusive border region. Please also indicate how a grant of up to \$5,000 USD could support your work. We encourage applicants to think creatively about how to use these funds. Letters can be submitted in English or Spanish and we recommend that you write your letter in whichever language you are most comfortable describing your work. Applicants will be notified on February 25 if they are invited to submit a full application by the March 25 deadline, and the cohort of Fellows will begin the program on May 31.

Application Timeline

- Letter of interest due on Monday, February 22 by 10:00 pm PT
- Selected applicants invited to submit a full application on Thursday, February 25
- Full applications due on Thursday, March 25 by 10:00 pm PT
- Applicants notified if they will be invited to join Kroc IPJ as a fellow on Monday, April 26
- Year-long fellowship program begins on Monday, May 31

Expectations of Fellows

Fellows will be asked to commit to the following:

- Being an active member of the Kroc School community and cohort of Fellows
- Attending a weekly one-hour Kroc IPJ meeting
- Giving a public talk about their work
- Mentoring students or giving a guest lecture in their area of specialization
- Supporting the organization of Kroc IPJ's annual conference on cross-border issues
- Authoring a written deliverable like an op-ed or policy brief
- Completing an agreed upon deliverable for the \$5,000 USD grant

Questions? Contact Melissa Floca at mfloca@sandiego.edu.