

# The Kurt Mayer Student Research Fellowship in Holocaust Studies

The Kurt Mayer Summer Scholars program offers generous financial support for PLU students who complete substantive research projects in Holocaust Studies. Two or more fellowships of up to \$2500 are awarded each summer for research, reading, and writing, which must lead to the creations of a major paper on a Holocaust topic.

***Who can apply? PLU students who meet the following qualifications at the time of application:***

1. A grade point average at PLU of 3.3 or better;
2. An academic record of interest in the Holocaust (to include the successful completion of any HGST course).
3. A total of 64 total credit hours toward graduation earned prior to the summer in which the fellowship will be granted;
4. Enrollment at PLU for at least 12 credit hours in the fall semester following the summer in which the fellowship will be granted.

## **What will successful applicants do?**

1. Recipients of the Mayer Student Research Fellowship will produce an original, research-based paper on some aspect of Holocaust and Genocide Studies.
2. Papers must be at least 20 pages in length, excluding notes, bibliographies, and appendices, and completed by September 30 of the year in which the fellowship is awarded.
3. Mayer Fellows will present their research as appropriate including a presentation at the annual Powell-Heller Conference for Holocaust Education.
4. Mayer Fellows may not submit their research papers to the Lemkin Essay Contest, but may enter that contest with work not based on their Mayer Fellowship.

## **How can you apply?**

1. Students must identify a faculty member with whom they have spoken to who will serve as their mentor over the summer.
2. Students will submit electronically a written description of the research project (up to 500 words), via the official submission form. You must have an unofficial PLU transcript, your PLU ID number, and the name and email address of your chosen mentor. The form link can be found on the **Kurt Mayer Scholarship** website:  
**[www.plu.edu/holocaustconference/kurt-mayer-scholarship](http://www.plu.edu/holocaustconference/kurt-mayer-scholarship)**
3. **You will automatically receive a copy of your form submission in your email.**

The deadline for this proposal is **4:30pm, Monday May 4th, 2026.**

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