

Call for Applications

CUNY Faculty Fellowship on Holocaust Distortion (2026–2027)

The **Wasserman Jewish Studies Center at Baruch College**, in partnership with Hunter College and Queens College, invites applications for the **CUNY Faculty Fellowship on Holocaust Distortion**—a selective, year-long faculty fellowship designed to support innovative teaching, deepen historical understanding, and confront one of the most urgent challenges in contemporary discourse: the distortion and misuse of Holocaust history.

At a moment when Holocaust language and imagery are increasingly invoked in misleading and harmful ways, this Fellowship offers faculty a unique opportunity to engage deeply with the historical record while shaping how the Holocaust is taught, understood, and discussed across CUNY classrooms.

Why Apply

This is more than a curriculum development opportunity—it is a chance to join a **small, interdisciplinary cohort of faculty leaders** committed to advancing rigorous, thoughtful engagement with the Holocaust and its contemporary implications.

Fellows will:

- Join a **highly selective cohort of six faculty members** from across CUNY
 - Work closely with **leading scholars and subject-matter experts**
 - Develop or redesign a course with meaningful intellectual and institutional impact
 - Engage in **sustained, cross-campus collaboration**
 - Travel as a cohort to **Holocaust sites in Europe**, deepening both scholarly and pedagogical approaches
 - Present their work at a **CUNY-wide Summit** showcasing innovative teaching and research
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Fellowship Experience

Over the course of the year (Fall 2026 – Summer 2027), Fellows will:

- Participate in a **two-day intensive seminar** led by experts in Holocaust studies and pedagogy
- Attend **monthly cohort meetings** fostering exchange, mentorship, and collaboration
- Design a **new course** or substantially revise an existing one
- Take part in **experiential learning opportunities** in New York City
- Travel on a **cohort study trip** to Holocaust sites in Poland and the Czech Republic
- Contribute to and present at a **major public-facing Summit** hosted by Baruch College in Spring 2027.

Who Should Apply

We welcome applications from **full-time CUNY faculty across disciplines** who are interested in:

- Integrating Holocaust education into their teaching
- Engaging students in critical, historically grounded inquiry
- Addressing complex and sensitive topics in the classroom
- Contributing to a broader institutional effort to strengthen knowledge and dialogue

Applicants should propose a **new course** or a **substantial revision of an existing course**.

Support & Recognition

Each Fellow will receive:

- A **\$5,000 stipend** (paid June 2027)
- **All-expenses-paid travel** for the cohort study trip
- Institutional recognition as part of a **CUNY-wide initiative** advancing Holocaust education and academic leadership

How to Apply

To apply, please submit the following materials to JewishStudiesCenter@baruch.cuny.edu:

- A **letter of interest** outlining your motivation for participating in the Fellowship and a description of the course you propose to development or revise, including its student constituency, as well as how you will contribute productively to this inaugural cohort of fellows.
- A **current CV**
- A **note of support from your Department Chair or Dean**, confirming their support for your participation and for your ability to offer the proposed course at your institution

Application Deadline: May 31, 2026

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a faculty selection committee, with final appointments made in consultation with campus provosts.