



KECK CENTER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL AND STRATEGIC STUDIES  
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

## THE KECK CENTER WORLD AFFAIRS PODCAST PROGRAM - Fall 2024

Applications due Monday, Sept. 16 to [keckcenter@cmc.edu](mailto:keckcenter@cmc.edu) & [tjones@cmc.edu](mailto:tjones@cmc.edu)

We are excited to invite pairs of students to conduct research on a region or a theme in world affairs and develop three podcast episodes. Students selected for this fellowship will receive \$1,000 disbursed in three payments. Under the supervision of journalism Prof. Terril Jones, student teams will develop and post podcast episodes of 25-30 minutes approximately once a month. We instruct how to conceive, plan, produce and post podcasts to Spotify. We do not require previous experience in podcasting. The Keck Center will also post the podcasts on its website (<https://www.cmckeckcenter.org/world-affairs-podcast>), which we recommend you browse before applying, both for inspiration and so as not to repeat previous topics. Some subjects are fair for alternative approaches, or if a situation has changed significantly, it might be worthwhile taking a new look. Students must commit to attend group training sessions with Prof. Jones on podcast development on six **Friday mornings** (10 a.m.; **Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 15**). First-year students are encouraged to apply. Preference will go to students who have not received support from the Keck Center in 2023-2024. The final podcast is due **Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025**. You must consider if your schedule allows you to attend the training sessions and to meet the deadlines, and that your topic is specific and feasible. The first payment will be after teams post the first episode; the second after teams complete all three podcasts. You may direct any questions to Terril Jones at [tjones@cmc.edu](mailto:tjones@cmc.edu). Note: This call is for students who have not previously taken part in the Keck Center's podcast program.

Consider seriously your topic – is it newsworthy and engaging? Will it provide enough interest to you and momentum to carry you through the project? Do you have a partner with whom you can share all levels of planning, interviewing, editing and execution? Think hard as well about the feasibility of securing guests to appear on your podcast episodes. You should try to have a guest expert (or more if you wish) per episode, but you might choose (or be obligated) to have one installment without a guest, where it is just the hosts conversing. In the past some teams have had great difficulty finding guests because of the nature of their topic or the country/region involved, so consider that realistically. At the same time, you may be surprised by the success you have in booking guests; a number of prominent or hard-to-reach experts have agreed to take part in our students' podcasts. Terril can also help you find guests, either through his personal network or by using techniques that journalists use in the real world. Again, if you have any questions you may email [tjones@cmc.edu](mailto:tjones@cmc.edu).

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Major Year

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Major Year

**(You must apply in pairs. Please submit one application form per team with your proposal and both resumes.)**

Email: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**CMC Faculty References (not for first-year students). Faculty do not need to write a letter, just support your project.**

Student 1 Reference. \_\_\_\_\_

Student 2 Reference. \_\_\_\_\_

Can you commit to six **Friday mornings 10-11 a.m.** for podcast meetings and training? (Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 15)

Proposed Topic of Podcast Series (in one sentence, or a tentative title):

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Please answer for both students: Do you have past podcasting experience? Any previous work at the Keck Center?

Student 1:

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Student 2:

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I have applied to the podcasting program before but was not chosen: Student 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N Student 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N

In addition to this form, please paste below a brief proposal (250 words) followed by your resumes. Submit this form and your resumes in **ONE FILE** please, as a Word document. If your CV is a PDF you can submit it in that format. Students may submit similar proposals to previous years if you were not funded.

Please direct any questions to Terril Jones at [tjones@cmc.edu](mailto:tjones@cmc.edu).

**INCLUDE BRIEF (< 250 words) PROPOSAL HERE FOLLOWED BY RESUMES:**