

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2026–2027 CCEP Ethics & Policy Student Fellows

In Collaboration with the SportsCrit™ LA28 Research & Praxis Observatory

LA28 Olympics & Paralympics: Power, Policy, Justice & the Future of Global Sport

The California Center for Ethics and Policy (CCEP) invite Cal Poly Pomona students from across the university to apply for its 2026–2027 Ethics and Policy Student Fellows Program.

CCEP fosters informed dialogue and research concerning major ethics and policy challenges where California has the opportunity to exercise national and global leadership.

This is a **funded fellowship opportunity**. Thanks in large part to a generous donation from alum Michael ('72) and his wife Jeanette Bidart, students who are accepted as Ethics and Policy Fellows will have the opportunity to apply for additional scholarships and fellowships, with **awards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000**.

For 2026–2027, our living laboratory is one of the most significant global events coming to Southern California: **the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic & Paralympic Games**.

LA28 is about much more than sport.

The Games raise critical questions about public money, race, labor, disability and accessibility, health, housing and displacement, policing and security, athlete rights, media, commercialization, civic power, community impact, and legacy.

CCEP × SPORTSCRIT™ LA28 OBSERVATORY

During 2026–2027, CCEP Student Fellows are also a part of the **SportsCrit™ LA28 Research & Praxis Observatory**, an interdisciplinary research initiative directed by **Dr. Gysmine George-Williams, the 2026-2027 CCEP Faculty Fellow**.

Rather than waiting until 2028 to study the Games after they happen, student researchers will help document, investigate, analyze, and preserve LA28 as it unfolds.

Question → Evidence → Research → Scholarship → Public Scholarship → Praxis

RESEARCH LANES

One body of research. Many ways of moving the knowledge.

RESEARCH & POLICY

Who made the rules—and who benefits?

Governance • Public Money • Labor • Displacement • Security • Athlete Rights • NIL • Policy • Accountability • Legacy

HEALTH EQUITY & COMMUNITY CARE

Who is cared for—and who bears the harm?

Conditions of Care • Athlete Wellness • Mental Health • Nutrition • Environmental Justice • Community Health

PARALYMPIC JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

Who has access—and whose body counts?

Accessibility • Disability Justice • Classification • Adaptive Sport • Representation • Infrastructure • Paralympic Media • Athlete Voice

MEDIA & DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Who is celebrated? Who is remembered? Documenting, communicating, and preserving this research.

Communications • digital humanities, • podcasting • graphic design • mapping/GIS • archiving • social media storytelling

WHAT WILL STUDENT FELLOWS DO?

- Participate in interdisciplinary LA28 research.
- Learn research methods, source evaluation, Zotero, coding, factchecking, interviewing, ethics, and citation.

- Interact with visiting scholars, practitioners, advocates, athletes, journalists, and community leaders.
- Participate in CCEP public events and civic-engagement activities.
- Collaborate with students from different disciplines.
- Create public-facing research and Digital Humanities projects. Create public-facing research and Digital Humanities projects, including contributing to CCEP's podcast.
 - For more about the podcast, check out our [YouTube page](#) and [website](#).
- Present their work publicly.
- Build research, communication, leadership, and professional skills.

ETHICS & POLICY SEMINAR | CLS 4990

Spring 2027 | 3 Units

Tuesdays | 2:30–3:45 p.m.

Hybrid with asynchronous components

Student Fellows will participate in an interdisciplinary seminar examining LA28 through questions of:

Power • Policy • Race • Labor • Disability • Health • Media • Community • Democracy • Justice • Legacy

Students will build upon their Observatory research and develop a culminating public scholarship project.

Students are expected to participate fully in all components of the seminar and produce a **creative, research-based final project** that critically examines the **LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games through a SportsCrit™ lens**. Students will transform their research into public scholarship that documents, analyzes, and communicates an important dimension of LA28, including questions of **power, policy, race, disability, health equity, labor, media, athlete rights, community impact, accessibility, or legacy**.

THE OBSERVATORY IS ALREADY IN MOTION

The SportsCrit™ LA28 Research & Praxis Observatory is already actively meeting and conducting research during Fall 2026. Research team meetings are held on select Tuesdays from 2:30–3:45 p.m.

Students interested in the 2026–2027 CCEP Ethics & Policy Fellowship who are available during this time are **strongly encouraged to attend Fall Observatory meetings**. This is an opportunity to meet the current research team, explore the Observatory's research areas, engage with emerging LA28 issues, and begin developing questions and interests before the formal CCEP fellowship experience begins.

Fall participation is encouraged but is not a prerequisite for applying to the CCEP Fellowship.

WHY JOIN?

LA28 will eventually become history.

Official reports will be written. Legacy claims will be made. Highlight reels will be produced.

You have an opportunity to help build the record before that history is written.

**We are looking for researchers. Storytellers. Policy thinkers. Designers. Health advocates. Historians.
Media makers. Community builders.**

The seminar welcomes and supports **diverse forms of student knowledge, creativity, and lived experience**. Students will be encouraged to connect their academic disciplines, personal experiences, communities, and professional interests to the larger social, political, cultural, and ethical questions surrounding LA28.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Students from ALL MAJORS are encouraged to apply!

Previous research experience is NOT required.

We are looking for students who are curious, dependable, collaborative, and willing to learn.

HOW TO APPLY: DEADLINE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Please submit your application directly on a PDF or word document to SportsCrit™ Lab Director and CCEP Faculty Fellow, **Dr. Gysmine George-Williams AKA Dr. G**, at ccep@cpp.edu

Your application must include:

- Your name, CPP email, major/minor, class year, and expected graduation date.
- A **300–500-word Statement of Interest** explaining why you are interested in the CCEP Ethics & Policy Student Fellows Program and the SportsCrit™ LA28 Research & Praxis Observatory.
 - Your **first and second research-area preferences**.
 - **One question about LA28 you would be excited to investigate.**
 - A brief description of the **skills, experiences, or perspectives you would bring** to the team and something you hope to learn.
- Your availability for Fall 2026 Observatory meetings and **anticipated availability for Spring 2027 CLS 4990 seminar on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:45 pm.**
- **Optional:** résumé/CV, portfolio, or link to relevant creative, research, media, or digital work.
- **Arrange for a short e-mail recommendation** from a university faculty member or staff familiar with the applicant's background, skills, and potential, to be e-mailed directly ccep@cpp.edu by the **Sept. 21st deadline**
 - Applicants and letter writers are encouraged to visit the CCEP website (<https://www.cpp.edu/ethics-and-policy>) for further information.