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Instructions for Students and Departments
2018–2019

The Committee on General Scholarships and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences invite Harvard graduate and professional schools to nominate current Harvard graduate students or students who will graduate from one of Harvard’s professional schools in May 2018 for traveling fellowships (the Lurcy and Samuelson fellowships are open to current GSAS students only).

Advising on fellowship proposals and all aspects of the application process is available by making an appointment with the GSAS Fellowships Director Cynthia Verba at 617-495-1814. The online publication Scholarly Pursuits includes advice and samples of winning proposals and can be accessed on the Fellowships Office website at gsas.harvard.edu/fellowships.

Instructions for Students

Eligibility & Conditions

• Students in their first year of graduate study at Harvard are not eligible to apply.
• Fellowship recipients are required to live at their research or study destinations for the length of the academic year; project periods of less than an academic year are not eligible for support.
• These fellowships are not intended to support multiple trips to research destinations for students who are based in Cambridge or elsewhere in the United States during the year.
• Fellowship funds are not renewable or deferrable and are not intended to support the dependents of a fellow; additional funding to support dependents is not available.

Sinclair Kennedy Fellowships

Kennedy Fellowships support research at destinations outside of the United States.

Students are eligible, if they:

• are currently registered in any of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard (GSAS students must be doctoral candidates)
• have completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application
• are not enrolled at a foreign university

Recipients may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without obtaining the approval of the Committee on General Scholarships, who reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award.
Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships
Knox Fellowships support research and/or study in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the United Kingdom. Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Students are eligible, if they:
- are currently registered in any of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard (GSAS students must be doctoral candidates)
- have completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application
- are not enrolled at a foreign university

Recipients may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without obtaining the approval of the Committee on General Scholarships, who reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award.

GSAS Lurcy Traveling Fellowships
Lurcy Fellowships are awarded to GSAS students to conduct research on a topic that is uniquely French and available only in France. **Please note:** The Lurcy Trust will give strong preference to projects with “contemporary relevance” the relate to “a world which is ever changing at an increasingly dynamic pace.”

Students are eligible, if they:
- currently registered GSAS doctoral students
- completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application

Recipients may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without obtaining the approval of the GSAS Fellowships Office, who reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award.

GSAS Lee Whittinghill Samuelson Traveling Fellowships
The Samuelson Fellowship supports students in programs of research or study abroad that span the full academic year. The fellowship was established by the gift of Lee Samuelson, MBA 1966, PhD 1972. As a graduate student, Dr. Samuelson benefited from the Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, which enabled him to study abroad. He hopes this gift will help ease financial burdens and open doors to international opportunities for future generations of graduate students, just as the Sheldon Fellowship did for him.

Students are eligible, if they:
- currently registered GSAS doctoral students
- completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application

Recipients may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without obtaining the approval of the GSAS Fellowships Office, who reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award.
Frederick Sheldon Fellowships

Sheldon Fellowships support research, study and/or travel abroad or within the United States (although not at Harvard University). While the Sheldon Fellowship permits travel in the United States, the primary intention of this fellowship is to help students spend an academic year abroad. Preference is given to students who have or will have a Harvard degree at the time of the fellowship.

Students are eligible, if they:
- are currently registered in any of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard (GSAS students must be doctoral candidates)
- have completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application
- are not enrolled at a foreign university

Recipients may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without obtaining the approval of the Committee on General Scholarships, who reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award.

Stipend, Tenure, and Location

Fellowships support a full academic year (September–June) of research or study abroad. Stipend is $25,000 for the 2017–2018 academic year (the amount is likely to be similar for the 2018–2019 academic year).

How to Apply

Please note: GSAS students must apply through fellowship opportunity “CGS Kennedy, Knox and Sheldon Travel Fellowships Application for PhD Candidates Only” listed in CARAT

- Find out your departmental deadline
- Complete your application in CARAT by the deadline, including:
  - Application form, which includes a brief synopsis of the proposed project (the CARAT “Project Description” tab)
  - Statement of purpose no more than four double-spaced typed pages in length describing your project, the scope and purpose of your research, your plan of study for the year, and the context of your project in your degree and career plans. Include your name on each page and your signature at the end of the statement.
  - Project budget outlining major expenses (travel, housing, food, local transportation, research costs, etc.) and possible sources of income.
  - Project timeline including your estimated date of departure, estimated length of stay at your destination, any anticipated visits to the US or elsewhere, and estimated date of return to the US. If your project will require more than one travel destination, please expand the timeline to include all segments of your travel.
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Official transcripts from all graduate programs (GSAS students may submit an unofficial transcript generated from my.harvard to represent their current graduate studies)
  - Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from a member of the Harvard faculty; letters are uploaded electronically into CARAT
Criteria Used to Evaluate Candidates

Quality of Proposal and Application

1. Clarity of the statement in terms of the major question(s) to be examined and the description and justification of the research methods and sources to be used, with attention paid to making it accessible for people outside the field, as well as feasibility;

2. Relationship of the proposed project to the literature on the topic and its importance to the concerns of the discipline;

3. Justification and readiness for overseas research: the need to conduct the research overseas and preparedness to do so, including knowledge of the available data required for implementing the project, contacts made, experience in living and working in a foreign culture, language skills, and preliminary research already undertaken:

4. Reference letters reveal that the writers are well informed about the student’s work on the topic, indicating a high level of communication between student and recommenders. The level of approval of the project reveals the strongest support.

5. Overall strength of the applicant’s graduate academic record, including honors and publications, plus extent to which the record demonstrates a strength relevant to the proposed project:

Instructions for Departments

- Announce department deadline to students
- Complete evaluation form*
- Upload form as an attachment to each student’s application in CARAT
- Submit nominations to CARAT by December 11, 2017

*A Note about Evaluation Forms

A newly designed evaluation form for the humanities and social sciences will help us to achieve greater consistency in the ranking process, provide valuable input to the faculty selection committees, and, eventually, allow for feedback to applicants. The new form provides numerical totals of Overall Quality for each applicant in the department pool and includes criteria on which the evaluations are based.

The department steps for completing the evaluation forms may vary according to the size of the department and the size of the eligible candidate pool. In some cases, a committee is formed; in others, the determination is made through informal consultation.

Please note: Departments should complete only one evaluation form per nominee. Please do not forward a separate evaluation form for each of the five fellowships.

Address questions about the submission process to Director of Fellowships Cynthia Verba by calling 617-495-1814.