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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

PREDOCTORAL FIELD FELLOWSHIPS

GRANTS-IN-AID OF RESEARCH

IN

Economics; Social, Economic and Political History; Political Science; Social Psychology; Sociology; Cultural Anthropology; Statistics; and Social Aspects of Related Disciplines

ALSO

DEMOBILIZATION AWARDS

for social scientists who have been in war service

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A major purpose of the Council is to assist in the development of an adequate number of well-trained research workers in the field of the social sciences. As a means of furthering this purpose, a series of Post-Doctoral Research Training Fellowships has been awarded annually since 1925. In 1935 a series of Pre-Doctoral Field Fellowships was initiated to help meet the need of advanced graduate students for direct contact with the raw materials of social science as a supplement to more formal academic training in classroom and library. Because of the disrupting influences of war activities in which so many social scientists recently have been engaged, an additional type of aid known as Demobilization Awards was offered for the first time in 1944 to help research workers return to more normal professional work.

A brief description of the objectives and minimum requirements of these awards and also of the continuing series of Grants-in-Aid of Research follows:

I. Pre-Doctoral Field Fellowships:

These fellowships are open to men and women, citizens of the United States or Canada, who are candidates for the Ph.D. degree, and who will have completed prior to the end of the academic year 1945-46 all courses and examinations for which they are eligible before completion of the thesis. The fellowships are not open to persons who will be over the age of 30 on July 1, 1946 or who plan to receive the Ph.D. before the expiration of the period of appointment for which application is made.

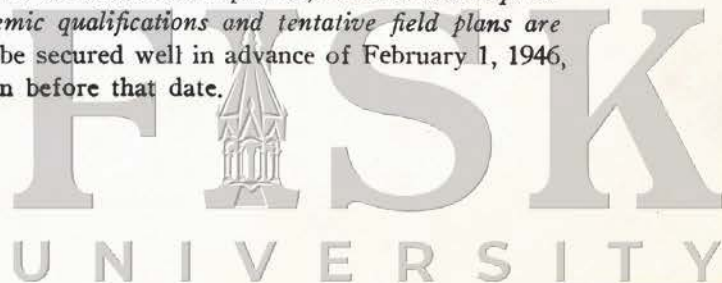
The purpose of these awards is to supplement formal graduate study by opportunities for field work which will assure first-hand familiarity with the data of social science in the making. The candidate should have decided on the general area in which he wishes to prepare his thesis and carry on later research, but it is not necessary that the exact thesis subject should have been selected before application is made. While it is taken for granted that programs at this level will be closely correlated with the applicants' Ph.D. theses plans, the aim of these awards will not be to aid in finishing theses or to assist in the collection of data as such, but rather to emphasize the opportunities for obtaining realistic bases for the dissertation and subsequent research.

It is anticipated that many of the approved programs will call for a year's work in close association with public and private agencies where basic material for research can be observed directly. For illustration, a student of diplomatic history might wish to familiarize himself with selected problems and operations of the Department of State; an economist might find his interest best served by what might be called an "internship" in a banking institution; a political scientist or sociologist specializing in the relations between government and business would have many opportunities for an experiential program in Washington. In offering these illustrations there is no desire to limit the proposals of candidates to programs of similar pattern. Different areas of specialization as well as varying individual needs will naturally lead to diversified proposals. The type of program approved in any given case will depend on the candidate's previous training and on his research objectives, although in each case the experiential aspect of the plan submitted will be a major consideration in the process of selection. **Plans for field training involving foreign travel are not ordinarily considered to be necessary at the level for which these fellowships are designed; it is only under the most unusual circumstances that applications of this type will be favored.**

Every effort will be made to assist successful candidates in choosing a proper location for field experience, in planning the year's activities, and in securing the active cooperation of government and private officials when necessary for the completion of an approved program. All applicants, however, should submit programs carefully worked out, preferably after consultation with their graduate instructors and others whose cooperation may be required, in such form as to assure their feasibility and to show their relation to later research plans.

Appointments will be for not less than nine nor more than twelve months. The basic stipend attached to these fellowships is \$1,800 for a period of twelve months.

THE CLOSING DATE for the receipt of applications for 1946-47 on blanks to be secured from the Secretary to the Committee is February 1, 1946. Awards will be announced April 15, 1946. *When requesting application blanks, PLEASE BE SURE that age, academic qualifications and tentative field plans are specifically indicated.* It is suggested that application blanks be secured well in advance of February 1, 1946, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.



II. Post-Doctoral Research Training Fellowships:

These fellowships are open to men and women, citizens of the United States or Canada, who possess the Ph.D. degree or its equivalent in training and experience at the time of application, or give assurance that the Ph.D. will be received before February 15, 1946, and who, ordinarily, are not over 35 years of age.

The primary purpose of these fellowships is to broaden the research training and equipment of promising young social scientists, not to facilitate the completion of research projects or the continuation of investigations undertaken as doctoral dissertations. **Candidates proposing studies of the latter types may, therefore, expect to have their requests denied without reference to their professional standing or the merits of the project.** Programs of study submitted should provide either for training of an interdisciplinary nature, for advanced training within the applicant's field of specialization, or for field work or other experiential training intended to supplement more formal academic preparation for research.

The choice of place of study is left to the Fellow, subject to the approval of the Fellowship Committee. It is required that, before entering upon the fellowships, Fellows planning to study in non-English speaking countries be able to read and speak the languages of the countries concerned.

The basic stipend for a period of twelve months is \$1,800 for single Fellows and \$2,500 for married Fellows. Supplementary allowances toward the support of dependents, as well as to defray the necessary traveling expenses of the Fellow (but not of members of his family), vary according to individual requirements. During the period of appointment, the Fellow is expected to devote full time to his program of study and not carry on any other work without the consent of the Fellowship Committee.

Awards are usually for twelve months, but may be made for any period not exceeding two years. Renewals or extensions may be granted in exceptional cases.

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Awards will be announced April 15, 1946.

When requesting application blanks, PLEASE BE SURE that age, academic qualifications, and proposed program of study are specifically indicated.

III. Grants-in-Aid of Research:

These grants are available to mature scholars, permanent residents of the United States or Canada, without reference to age, whose capacity for productive research has been effectively demonstrated by published work. They are not open to candidates for a degree. They are offered by the Council especially with a view to assisting members of the staffs of institutions which cannot at present provide adequate funds for social science research, and are designed to aid in completing rather than in initiating projects.

The purpose for which the grants may be expended include the investigator's living expenses while in the field; travel involved in the investigation; stenographic, clerical or statistical assistance; printing, stationery, and photostating; but ordinarily they may not be used for travel to attend scientific meetings, or to purchase books, manuscript materials, or laboratory apparatus. Grants may not be given to aid in the publication of manuscripts.

Before applying to the Council, the applicant should have canvassed other possible sources of support, especially the institution to which he is attached.

The maximum amount granted by the Council will ordinarily not exceed \$1,000.

THE CLOSING DATE for receipt of applications for 1946-47 on forms provided by the Secretary to the Committee is January 15, 1946.

Grants will be announced April 1, 1946.

When requesting application blanks, PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE previous research experience, nature of project, and amount of aid required. It is suggested that application blanks be secured well in advance of January 15, 1946, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.

IV. Demobilization Awards:

These awards, which may be for the support of either training or **research** projects, or both, will be made only to social scientists of exceptional promise whose careers have been seriously disrupted by their service in the armed forces or by other war service. Since the purpose of these awards is to assist the recipients in resuming their professional work with the least delay and as efficiently as possible when their war activities terminate, appointments may be made in advance of the appointees' release from war service, at such times and for such periods as seem most desirable. Appointments may run for continuous or intermittent periods aggregating not more than two years, although one year will ordinarily be the maximum. For example, an award might be granted for work during two or three successive summers, for two non-consecutive academic terms, or on a half-time basis; or the effective date of an award might be postponed for a year to permit the holder first to get settled in his academic duties.

Eligibility for Demobilization Awards is limited to men and women who are citizens of the United States or Canada and have either received the doctoral degree or made outstanding records as advanced graduate students in social science. Only in exceptional cases will awards be made to persons over 36 years of age. Otherwise, the selection of an appointee will be based wholly on his demonstrated fitness for a career in social science research and on the merit of his proposed program of study or research in terms of its scientific quality, practical feasibility, and potential contribution to his professional development. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the Committee in terms of individual needs in each case.

In general, the Council's staff will on its own initiative seek to discover individuals of the greatest promise as potential recipients of Demobilization Awards. Recommendations of such individuals will be welcomed.