

The Commonwealth Fund Fellowships.

FELLOWSHIPS

MEMORANDUM 1938.

Forms

I.—Purpose of the Fellowships.

The Commonwealth Fund of New York, a philanthropic foundation existing since 1918 and supported by gifts from the late Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness, has established for British subjects a number of Fellowships tenable at certain American universities. In creating these Commonwealth Fund Fellowships the Directors of the Fund have been impelled by a belief in the value of international opportunities for education and travel, and by a conviction that mutual amity and understanding between Great Britain and the United States will thereby be promoted. The Fellowships are under the Patronage of His Majesty King George VI. The total number of Fellowships offered for award in 1938 is thirty-four.

II.—Conditions of Appointment.

Persons who come within one or other of the following categories are eligible:—

- (1) For Ordinary Fellowships:—Candidates of British descent who are domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and are degree graduates of recognized universities therein. Candidates must be unmarried and must not have attained the age of thirty on September 1 of the year of award. Twenty-four of these Fellowships will be available in 1938.
- (2) For Dominion Fellowships:—Candidates of British descent from the British Dominions who have studied, but not necessarily graduated, at a University in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who are degree graduates of a recognized university in a British Dominion or Colony, and who fulfil the conditions regarding age and marriage prescribed above. Candidates need not show a domicile in the United Kingdom. Two of these Fellowships will be available in 1938.
- (3) For Service Fellowships:—Candidates of British descent who hold appointments overseas under the British Government, or the Government of India, or the Government of a British Dominion, Colony, Protectorate or Mandated Territory. It has been decided to offer in 1938 not more than five Service Fellowships.
- (4) For Home Civil Service Fellowships:—Candidates holding appointments in the Home Civil Service. Not more than three of these Fellowships will be offered in 1938.

By decision of the Commonwealth Fund of New York none of these Fellowships is open to women. In the case of Dominion Fellowships preference will be given to candidates from Dominions which are distant from the United States.

For the conditions of appointment and tenure and the emoluments of

Fellows in the Service and Home Civil Service categories separate Memorandums have been prepared and may be obtained from the Secretary.

III.—Principles of Selection.

For the Ordinary and Dominion Fellowships the Committee of Award are prepared to consider applications from candidates who have shown marked ability during their undergraduate career and who desire to extend their studies in an American university. Experience in research and in post-graduate study, though a valuable, is in no sense a necessary qualification for appointment, nor is the Fellow bound to engage in original work, but evidence of proficiency in some recognized branch of university learning must be submitted, and an approved course of study must be undertaken. The Committee of Award will also be prepared to consider applications from candidates who, while still undergraduates at the date of application, are completing an Honours Degree in the academic year then current.

The Committee of Award must be satisfied that the candidate is likely to profit by the Fellowship, and, while primary consideration is given to intellectual ability, personality, and initiative, account is also taken of character and health.

Candidates may state in order of preference the American university at which they wish to study. While no guarantee can be given that vacancies will be available at particular universities, it should be understood by candidates of both classes that their assignment to an American university will be determined primarily by the programme of study defined in Section 11 of the Application Form. If candidates give a wrong impression of their proposed course of study they are liable to be attached to a university which may not be the most suitable for their purpose.

The Committee hope to announce before the end of April the names of those candidates selected for interview, and to publish the awards before the end of May. The selected candidates will be required to appear before the Committee in London.

Arrangements will be made for the medical examination of the candidates to be interviewed, and all expenses connected with the medical examination and interview will be borne by the Commonwealth Fund.

The Committee will consider only those candidates who are prepared to give an undertaking that they will not accept another appointment until the expiration of the Fellowship, and that they will then return to Great Britain or to some other part of the British Empire and reside there for a period of not less than two years. No one is eligible for one of these Fellowships if he has already studied in the United States for more than one academic year.

IV.—Emoluments.

There is no fixed stipend, but the emolument attaching to each Fellowship, which is estimated at the approximate annual value of \$3,000, is calculated to cover the full expenses of residence, study and travel in the United States during the year. Each Fellowship includes provision for:—

(a) An equipment allowance of \$200, and the cost of travel from the Fellow's home to the university and return.

(b) Tuition, laboratory fees, etc.

(c) \$150 a month, paid quarterly, for living expenses for 24 months from

the date of sailing from England. An advance of \$50 on the first quarterly payment is made before sailing.

- (d) Allowance for vacations during the academic year.
- (e) Allowance for three months' travel at the end of the first academic year.
(See Section VI.)

V.—Conditions of Tenure.

Commonwealth Fund Fellowships are tenable for two years; tenure of a Fellowship normally involves an absence from Great Britain of approximately 22 months. Except for grave reasons, which must be stated in the application, Fellows will be expected to reach the United States not later than September of the year of award.

A Commonwealth Fund Fellowship is not tenable with a Fellowship or Scholarship from any other Foundation established for a similar purpose in the United States. Candidates may, however, be applicants also for Fellowships offered from such Foundations, provided they do not accept more than one appointment.

Speaking generally, no limitation is imposed on the subject of study to be undertaken by the Fellow during the tenure of the Fellowship. In the particular case of candidates in Medicine, however, while research in the medical sciences, or in clinical medicine or surgery is regarded as within the scheme, routine clinical work is excluded.

Fellows are not required to follow either a degree or other ordinarily prescribed course of an American university. As indicated in Section III, they are asked to submit their own programmes of work. But their programmes will require the approval both of the Committee of Award and of the American university. They may be permitted to change their scheme of work, or the university at which they are studying, or to receive leave of absence, but only for reasons satisfactory to the Directors of the Commonwealth Fund.

Each Fellow has, at the university to which he is assigned, an adviser to whom he may go for assistance in personal and professional matters. The Fellow is required to make two reports to the Commonwealth Fund, the first of these after his summer vacation, and the second at the expiration of his Fellowship.

Fellowships are vacated by marriage.

The Fellowships are tenable in the following universities, which were members of the Association of American Universities on January 1, 1937 :—

California Institute of Technology	...	Pasadena, California
Catholic University of America	...	Washington, D.C.
Clark University	Worcester, Massachusetts
Columbia University	New York City
Cornell University	Ithaca, New York
Harvard University	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Indiana University	Bloomington, Indiana
Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, Maryland
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois
Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio
Princeton University	Princeton, New Jersey
Stanford University	Stanford, California
State University of Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
University of California	Berkeley, California
University of Chicago	Chicago, Illinois
University of Illinois	Urbana, Illinois

University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Michigan
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Missouri	Columbia, Missouri
University of Nebraska	Lincoln, Nebraska
University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Texas	Austin, Texas
University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Virginia
University of Wisconsin	Madison, Wisconsin
Washington University	St. Louis, Missouri
Yale University	New Haven, Connecticut

In addition an application to hold a Fellowship at a university or other institution not included in this list will be considered in special cases.

A Fellow will not be permitted to drive a motor car in the United States until he has secured a licence from a State in which the requirements for licences are such as are approved by the Commonwealth Fund. An exception will be made if the Fellow can satisfy the Fund that he is an experienced and licensed driver in Great Britain, or in any other part of the British Empire.

VI.—Travel.

A Fellow is required to travel for three months within the United States at the end of the first academic year. Each Fellow is asked to submit to the New York office of the Commonwealth Fund by the middle of the academic year a plan for travel in connection with his work, to visit, for example, libraries, laboratories, or universities. Advice will be given, and letters of introduction where possible, and sufficient allowance made for comfortable travel.

VII.—Committee of Award.

The Committee of Award consists of the following members:—

Sir Walter H. Moberly, D.S.O., Hon. D.Litt., Chairman University Grants Committee (Chairman); Sir James C. Irvine, C.B.E., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews (Vice-Chairman); E. A. Benians, M.A., Master of St. John's College, Cambridge; W. L. Bragg, O.B.E., M.A., Sc.D., F.R.S., Director, National Physical Laboratory; Lord Halifax, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Lord President of the Council, Chancellor of the University of Oxford; A. V. Hill, O.B.E., Sc.D., F.R.S., LL.D., Foulerton Research Professor, Royal Society; and R. V. Southwell, M.A., F.R.S., Professor of Engineering Science in the University of Oxford.

VIII.—Applications and Information.

All applications must be submitted on the prescribed form, and must be approved by the Authorities of the College or University of which the candidate is or has been a member. They must reach the Secretary to the Committee, R. H. Simpson, Esq., by February 1, 1938, at latest. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, who will also supply copies of application forms, and, so far as possible, catalogues, bulletins, courses of study, etc., issued by different American universities.

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