

NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
Washington, D. C.

Specific Requirements and Instructions Concerning
Study in Europe

The conditions and regulations for appointment to Fellowships for work abroad are the same as those for domestic Fellowships except as follows:

Requirements for Candidates

An adequate conversational knowledge of the language of the country where the applicant proposes to work is required.

The candidate must be in good physical condition. A specific statement to this effect is required, and the award will not become effective until the candidate presents evidence of having passed a satisfactory physical examination. The desirability of having anti-typhoid vaccination before going abroad is urged.

As a rule, the candidate is required to have assurance that a suitable post in an educational institution of the United States will be reserved for him upon the completion of his Fellowship.

Fellowship Appointments

All Fellowships will begin with the fall semester of the institution to which the Fellow is appointed, unless special circumstances indicate that another date of beginning will be more advantageous. Universities in Europe open in October or November, and unless specific arrangements have been made in advance, Fellows will be unable to employ their time efficiently if they arrive too long before the opening of the regular session.

If the beginning date of a Fellowship is delayed more than three months beyond the date contemplated in the application the appointment will be considered in abeyance, and it will be necessary to refer the matter to the Board for authorization for continuation of the appointment.

Stipend. Stipend will be paid for the actual period of study only, exclusive of the time devoted to travel. Payments will be made monthly in advance by the Paris office of The Rockefeller Foundation, the first payment becoming due upon the arrival of the Fellow at the specified institution for work. The Fellow is required to communicate with the Paris office immediately upon his arrival in Europe.

Traveling Expenses. When the award of a Fellowship includes the expense of necessary travel, payment will be provided for only such items and such accommodations as may be specifically authorized (this authorization will be given in each case by the New York office of The Rockefeller Foundation, 49 West 49th Street, New York City, for travel originating in the United States, and by the European office, 20 rue de la Baume, Paris (8), France, for travel originating in Europe). In general, travel expense will be allowed only for the travel of the Fellow, by the shortest practicable route from his previous station to his place of study and return. The Board will not pay for expenses incurred because of unnecessary delays in travel, nor for travel by extended routes. The New York office will arrange for travel in this country and to Europe, and the European office will arrange for travel in Europe and return to the United States.

Tuition and Regular Laboratory Fees. The Fellowships Board makes a separate allowance for regular university and laboratory fees. These will be paid each semester upon submission to the Paris office of proper vouchers from the institution concerned.

Apparatus and Other Supplies. A Fellowship in the experimental sciences may include an equipment appropriation to provide for the rent of microscopes and apparatus, and for the purchase of necessary supplies--such as chemicals, glassware, or other consumable materials--which are not provided for by the payment of regular university or laboratory fees. Payment against this fund for the type of material mentioned above will be made upon the submission of detailed vouchers which have been approved by the investigator supervising the Fellow's activities.

The Fellowships Board cannot assume responsibility for any financial commitments made by the Fellow except as above described, unless specific authorization has been given by the officers in charge of Fellowships in advance of such commitments.

Incidentals. Textbooks, laboratory garments, and incidental supplies are not provided for by the Board. The stipend is designed to be sufficient to cover these details.

Vacation. No regular vacation period is permitted. These Fellowships are awarded for intensive work in specific fields and for specific periods. It is felt that needed periods of recreation should be taken before beginning or after finishing the Fellowship. It may be advisable, therefore, to consider appointment periods of an academic rather than a calendar year where institutions are not equipped to accommodate Fellows during the summer or other vacation periods.

Change in Problem. Fellows are not expected to change the research problem approved by the Board at the time of appointment without the approval of the investigator with whom he is associated and the Secretary of the Fellowships Board.

Publications. Before publishing the results of his Fellowship activities a Fellow is required to obtain and file with the Board the written approval for such publication from the investigator with whom he is associated.

Income Tax. The National Research Council has been informed by the

office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that sums paid to National Research Fellows are regarded as gifts or gratuities and as such are exempt from Federal income tax.

Patentable Discoveries. Your attention is called to the following action taken by the National Research Council:

"That in the event patentable discoveries are made in the course of work carried on under the auspices of the National Research Council it is expected that the Fellows, or others, on the approval of the Research Council, which will defray the cost, will apply for patents on such discoveries as should be protected in the interests of the public and that such patents will be assigned to the National Research Council; and, further

"That the National Research Council hereby declares its intention to dedicate to the use of the public, in such manner as the Research Council may deem most effective, the results of such discoveries as are made in the course of investigations conducted under the auspices of the Research Council."

Congresses and Meetings. Fellows who wish to attend conferences or scientific meetings are expected to receive previous authorization either from the office of the Board in Washington, D.C., or from the Paris office of The Rockefeller Foundation. They are expected to attend such meetings at their own expense.

Fellows passing through Paris. Fellows passing through Paris, France, will be expected to stay at the Hotel Terminus, Gare Saint Lazare, unless they notify the Paris office in advance that they have made other arrangements.

Correspondence. All correspondence during the period of the Fellowship abroad should be addressed to the Paris Office of The Rockefeller Foundation, 20 rue de la Baume, Paris (8) France, duplicate copy being furnished for transmission to the Washington office.

Fellowship Applications. The application should be accompanied with:

- (1) A complete outline of the work proposed by the applicant.
- (2) Assurances (a) that the scientist under whom the applicant proposes to work has been informed of the applicant's problem and plans and is prepared to receive the applicant, if awarded a Fellowship, during the period requested in the application; and (b) that space and ordinary equipment will be available.
- (3) A statement showing (a) what tuition or laboratory fees, if any, will be required; (b) a list with estimated cost of any special materials or equipment that will be necessary.
- (4) Recommendations from scientists qualified to vouch for the candidate with special reference to the candidate's character and personality; his scholarship and capacity for original work; his relative standing among the other men of his group in his institution; and his standing compared with any past or present Fellows of this Board who may be known to the recommenders.