



FELLOWSHIPS

THE CENTER'S ORIGINS

Created by the United States Congress as the nation's official memorial to the twenty-eighth President, The Wilson Center was established as "a living institution expressing the ideals and concerns of Woodrow Wilson . . . symbolizing and strengthening the fruitful relations between the world of learning and the world of public affairs." It is located in the "castle" building of the Smithsonian Institution on the Mall in Washington, close to the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and other research institutions.

ORGANIZATION

The Center seeks to commemorate through its residential fellowship program of advanced research both the scholarly depth and the public concerns of Woodrow Wilson. The Center welcomes outstanding project proposals representing a wide diversity of scholarly interests and approaches from individuals throughout the world.

The Center's fellowships are awarded in one broadly defined division and five more focused categories of study, each of which is described briefly below.

The broadly defined division—History, Culture, and Society—enables the Center to attract superior projects from the entire range of scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. Thus, the Center ensures the possibility of access for those scholars whose proposed research falls outside one of the existing geographical or thematic categories of study.

The five categories of study have been designed to encourage scholarship either on particular areas of the world or on special topics which the Board of Trustees has chosen to emphasize.

History, Culture, and Society In this division, the Center wishes to accommodate a wide variety of studies in the traditional fields of the humanities and social sciences as well as projects undertaken by those with professional experience in journalism, government, and other nonacademic fields. The Center particularly welcomes projects which promise to make a major contribution to our understanding of the human condition or which attempt broad synthesis involving different fields or different cultures. The Center is receptive to projects that study the distant as well as the recent past; to those with a comparative framework or with theoretical, philosophical, or theological dimensions; and to those in the field of international relations. Projects should generally be already underway at the time of application and should involve a significant extension of the field of inquiry beyond previous work undertaken by the applicant.

American Society and Politics Beginning in 1980, the Center seeks Fellows with projects that develop new perspectives on the evolution of modern American society and that emphasize the interplay of ideas, values, and institutions in the emergence of our present civic culture. The Center is particularly sympathetic toward research which would treat public issues within the context of their relation to underlying changes in the patterns of American society as a whole. Proposals should counter, so far as possible, the tendency toward the fragmentation of knowledge on American culture which results from the necessarily specialized character of intellectual life in the disciplines and professions. Projects that make use of historical perspective are encouraged. While in some cases a historical focus may not be necessary or desirable, priority will be given to work which deals not only with the relations between ideas and institutions, but also with relations between the past and present.

The Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies This program was established in 1975 in order to provide a center in the Washington, D.C., area where advanced research on Russia and the U.S.S.R. could be conveniently pursued by qualified scholars. Fellowships at the Kennan Institute are available to researchers in any field of the social sciences or humanities having to do with Russia or the U.S.S.R. The Kennan Institute also offers Visiting Grants that provide per diem support for up to one month for scholars in Russian/Soviet studies having particular need for access to the resources of the Washington, D.C., area.

The Latin American Program Established in 1977, this program supports advanced research by social scientists and humanists on Latin America, the Caribbean, and inter-American affairs. Although proposals on any subject will be carefully reviewed, there is particular interest in research on a number of central themes: (a) the relationship of the international economic order to domestic choices; (b) the evolution of U.S.-Latin American relations, and Latin America's international role more generally; (c) the causes and dynamics of authoritarianism, as well as the process and prospects for redemocratization; (d) the interplay between cultural traditions and political institutions; (e) the history of ideas in Latin America, especially as they bear on contemporary public policy choices; and (f) the viability of alternative development models in the area.

East Asia Program Since 1977, Fellows have been sought for a program of advanced research on Asian culture, history, politics, and society and on America's relations with Asia. The program focuses primarily on China and Japan, but welcomes proposals on other countries of Northeast and Southeast Asia as well. The fellowship program will not initially concentrate on any prespecified themes, but is interested in research that will both make a significant contribution to scholarship on Asia and simultaneously place important contemporary issues in a broader historical, cultural, philosophical, or strategic context.

The International Security Studies Program Established in the spring of 1977, this program proceeds with a broad definition of security issues. Its ultimate objective is to refocus and refine the analytical tools used in the development and evaluation of security policies. The program encourages the adoption of comparative and regional perspectives to investigate clearly defined issues against a body of hard evidence. Subjects of special interest include: weapons policy, design and direction of military forces, evolution of military capability, military forces as components of national power, political utility of military forces, executive-legislative relations, public opinion and political leadership, economic implications of military activity, defense budgeting as resource allocation, technological and resource imperatives in defense policies, nuclear proliferation, arms races, and deterrence theory.

ELIGIBILITY

The fellowship competition in all six categories of study welcomes applications from any country. Men and women with outstanding capabilities and experience from a wide variety of backgrounds (such as academia, journalism, government, labor, business, and the professions) are eligible for support. For academic participants, eligibility is limited to the postdoctoral level, and normally it is expected that academic candidates will have demonstrated their scholarly development by the publication of some major work beyond the Ph.D. dissertation. For participants from other fields, an equivalent degree of maturity and professional achievement is expected. The Center provides no laboratory facilities, but welcomes applications from scientists, particularly those writing on philosophical or social issues in science and technology.

STIPEND

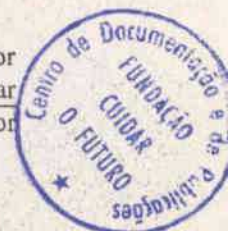
Under a ceiling established by the Board of Trustees, the Center seeks to enable each Fellow to meet, but not to exceed, his or her income rate for the preceding year, on the principle that a fellowship should not involve either financial loss or financial gain. Each Fellow is required to take advantage of any leave, sabbatical, or supplemental funding that may be available from other sources for the period of appointment. In calculating stipends for non-U.S. scholars, cost-of-living adjustments are extended whenever possible to bring their stipends up to equivalent rates for U.S. scholars of comparable experience and position. Certain travel expenses for a Fellow and accompanying spouse and younger children may also be provided.

OBLIGATIONS

The Center's program is residential in character, and Fellows are expected to devote full time to the major research project proposed in the application. Appointments normally extend from four months to a year in duration. Each Fellow is expected to make a formal presentation at the Center on the subject of his or her research and to take part in the intellectual life of the Center as a whole.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection advisory panels of distinguished scholars in each of the Center's categories of study are convened periodically to review applications and recommend eligible candidates. The final selection of all prospective Fellows is made upon recommendation of the Director by the Fellowship Committee of the Board of Trustees.



CLOSING DATE

The Center holds one round of competitive selection per year. The deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting materials in the annual cycle is October 1. Decisions on appointment will be available by mid-February of the following year. Normally, Fellows cannot start their appointments until the early summer of their fellowship year.

APPLICATIONS

For information on application procedures, please direct your inquiry to a particular category of study and write to:

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