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#### I. Scholarships and Fellowships

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The deadline for applicants in Humanities, Social Sciences, and Creative Arts is October 1, 2010 (11:59 EST). The deadline for applicants in Natural Sciences and Mathematics is November 15, 2010 (11:59 EST).



#### **General Information**

The Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program is a scholarly community where individuals pursue advanced work across a wide range of academic disciplines, professions, and creative arts. Radcliffe Institute fellowships are designed to support scholars, scientists, artists, and writers of exceptional promise and demonstrated accomplishment who wish to pursue work in academic and professional fields and in the creative arts. In recognition of Radcliffe's historic contributions to the education of women and to the study of issues related to women, the Radcliffe Institute sustains a continuing commitment to the study of women, gender, and society. Applicants' projects need not focus on gender, however. Women and men from across the United States and throughout the world, including developing countries, are encouraged to apply. We seek to build a community of fellows that is diverse in every way.

Please take a look at the **eligibility guidelines** and **discipline listing** before beginning your application. You may apply on-line using our electronic application system. (Please note that if you apply on-line, your recommenders will also need to login and submit their letters on-line after you've begun filling out your application.)

For questions regarding the application process you can contact us by email or phone. <a href="mailto:fellowships@radcliffe.edu">fellowships@radcliffe.edu</a> (humanities, social sciences, and creative arts), or <a href="mailto:sciencefellowships@radcliffe.edu">sciencefellowships@radcliffe.edu</a> (natural sciences and mathematics)

Applications Office Line: 617-496-1324

#### **Selection Process**

Former fellows of the Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program (1999 to present) are not eligible to apply. Each application is reviewed in a dual-tiered process by peers in relevant disciplines. Applications are judged on the quality and significance of the proposed project and the applicant's record of achievement and promise. Applicants are notified by email of the results of the selection process in March.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Stipends are funded up to \$65,000 for one year with additional funds for project expenses. Some support for relocation expenses is provided where relevant. If so directed, Radcliffe will pay the stipend to the fellow's home institution. Fellows receive office or studio space and access to libraries and other resources of Harvard University during the fellowship year, which extends from early September 2011 through May 31, 2012. In the event that they come for one semester, the stipend is \$32,500. Since this is a residential fellowship, we expect fellows to reside in the Boston area during that period and to have their primary office at the Institute so that they can participate fully in the life of the community.

For more information, please visit: www.radcliffe.edu/fellowships/apply.aspx

#### PRINCETON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF FELLOWS IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

2011-2014 Fellowship Competition

**Application Postmark deadline:** *October 1, 2010* The Princeton Society of Fellows, an interdisciplinary



Princeton University
Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts

group of scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and selected natural sciences, invites applications for the 2011-2014 Fellowship competition.

Five three-year Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded this year. The stipend for academic year 2011-12 will be approximately \$72,000. Fellows are provided with a shared office, a personal computer, a research account of \$5000 a year, and access to university grants, benefits and other resources. Fellows are expected to reside in or near Princeton during the academic year in order that they can attend weekly seminars and participate fully in the intellectual life of the Society. All candidates will be informed of the status of their application by the end of January 2011. Interviews will take place in early February. The Society will reimburse the cost of travel and lodging associated with the interview. Names of fellowship winners will be posted on the Society of Fellows' website in July 2011.

#### Eligibility

Please note the Society's new dates of degree eligibility. These are firm dates with no exceptions.

#### a) Candidates already holding the PhD degree at time of application:

You must have received your degree between January 1, 2009 and October 1, 2010.

The receipt of the PhD is determined by the date on which you fulfilled all requirements for the degree at your institution, including the defense and filing of the dissertation.

#### b) Candidates who are ABD (all but dissertation) at time of application:

If you will not meet the October 1, 2010, deadline for receipt of PhD but are expected to have fulfilled all conditions for the degree, including defense and filing of dissertation, by June 15, 2011, you may still apply for a postdoctoral fellowship provided you have completed a substantial portion of the dissertation (approximately half). We ask that you include in your dossier a letter confirming your "progress to degree" from either your Department Chair or your Director of Graduate Studies.

For further details on eligibility, disciplines represented and host departments, and to submit an application, please visit: <a href="https://www.princeton.edu/~sf/new\_fellowships.shtml">www.princeton.edu/~sf/new\_fellowships.shtml</a>

Phone: 609-258-4717 Fax: 609-258-2783

E-mail: fellows@princeton.edu for all questions

#### 2011 OAK HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP AT COLBY COLLEGE

Nomination Deadline: November 1, 2010 Application Deadline: December 15, 2010

The Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights at Colby College is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2011 Oak Fellowship. We seek one front-line human rights activist working outside of the U.S. and who works on problems created by or associated with poverty. In this call for applications, we highlight our concern about the physical and emotional violence, the potential loss of security and dignity, often associated with deprivation. Our 2011 Oak Fellow will work to promote human rights threatened by poverty. Such rights include but are not limited to: the right to work in safe conditions and earn an adequate and stable income; access to basic food and shelter; freedom from forced evictions; access to adequate health care and medical attention; access to basic services and infrastructure; the right to a healthy and safe living environment, including access to clean drinking water; access to education; freedom from discrimination based on class or income.



The 2011 fellowship will offer a semester in residence at Colby, giving respite from frontline human rights work, a \$32,000 stipend, plus medical insurance, transportation, housing and utilities.

For more information and application materials, please access the Oak Institute's web page (<a href="www.colby.edu/oak">www.colby.edu/oak</a>); see the frequently asked questions sidebar to clarify terms and eligibility. For further information, please contact Director Walter Hatch at the provided contact information or the Assistant Director at <a href="mailto:oakhr@colby.edu">oakhr@colby.edu</a>.



Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights on Facebook

#### II. News You Can Use

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT VOICE OF AMERICA - SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES ABOUT STUDYING IN THE U.S.

Deadline to apply: September 6th, 2010

Seeking talented and creative writers/reporters to contribute to a blog about student life in the U.S. Voice of America, an international news and broadcasting organization, is looking for a few great contributors to share their experiences, challenges and triumphs with our audience, and to give international students a glimpse into what it's like to study in the U.S.

#### International students studying in the U.S. are particularly encouraged to apply.

As part of the blog's inaugural writing class, you will have an opportunity to help shape its direction and to experiment with multimedia journalism and innovative forms of storytelling. You will write about all aspects of university life, from the mundane (what is college food like?) to the deep (how do you develop your identity on campus?) to the fun (what's the social life like?) to the practical (what was the application process like?). The more creative you can be in finding and telling great stories the better.

You will come away with a portfolio of professional writing, and we will work closely with you throughout your internship to help perfect your writing and storytelling skills. Course credit may be available if your university permits it.

#### You must:

- Have exceptional writing skills. Previous experience in journalism and/or blogging is a plus, but not required. Multimedia skills (video, audio, photography) would also be an asset
- Be a current college/university student (or be applying to college/university this year). International students and American study abroad students are particularly encouraged to apply, but we're looking for people from a range of backgrounds, majors and degree levels (grad and PhD students included)
- Be willing to contribute at least once a month when school is in session
- Be able to commit for at least a semester, preferably for the full year.

We are located in Washington, DC, but you do not need to be local to apply. In fact, we are looking for people from around the country who can provide a variety of perspectives.

#### To apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume and two writing (or multimedia) samples demonstrating the type of style this project will require to jstahl@voanews.com.

Applications due by Sept. 6 (flexible – if you would like to apply but will not be back at school by this date, send an email indicating your intent to apply and we can accept the application materials later)

Questions? Contact Jessica Stahl – jstahl@voanews.com; 202-203-4954

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