Franklin Research Grants

Franklin Research Grants are made, in all areas of knowledge, to scholars with a doctorate to fund research-related travel. Applicants can request a one-year award of up to $6,000, and the program annually receives more than 400 applications.

The Society is engaged in joint fellowship programs with the British Academy in London and with the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities in Edinburgh.

Phillips Fund Grants

This committee reviews between 50 and 60 proposals each year from scholars who need funds to travel to objects of research, in the specific area of Native American linguistics and ethnohistory.

The program accepts proposals from graduate students for research on master's or doctoral dissertations. The maximum award is $3,500. Materials gathered are added to the Society’s collections.
Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research

This program encourages exploratory field studies for the collection of specimens and data and to provide the imaginative stimulus that accompanies direct observation. Applications are accepted from doctoral-level students.

Grants range from several hundred through $5,000, and the program regularly attracts in excess of 500 applicants per year.

Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research in Astrobiology

The NASA Astrobiology Institute supports this program, which draws 20 to 30 applications per year seeking support for astrobiological field work.

Applicants may be graduate students or postdoctoral or junior scientists and may request up to $5,000.
· **Daland Fellowships in Clinical Investigation**

This program promotes research in clinical investigation by applicants who have held the M.D. for fewer than eight years. Projects must involve direct contact with patients and be carried out under the supervision of a scientific adviser.

The fellowships are usually for two years, at $40,000 per year.

· **John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship**

The John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship supports the completion of Ph.D. projects by minority students of great promise (particularly African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans).

The stipend is $25,000 for a flexible 12-month award period, and the program is administered in conjunction with two other national fellowship-granting institutions.
Library Fellowships

The Library offers one-year predoctoral fellowships in the Society’s core areas, early America to 1840, the history of science and technology, and Native American studies. The stipend is $25,000.

Short-term fellowships postdoctoral are offered in the amount of $3,000 per month for one to three months of work in the Society’s collections. Also offered is a two-month fellowship for work in the digital humanities.

The Mellon Foundation has funded a new program, the Native American Scholars initiative (NASI), which funds predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships as well as digital knowledge sharing opportunities.

While in residence at the APS, fellows are encouraged to participate in workshops and seminars, present talks on their research, and attend conferences and other events while participating in the life of the Society.
Museum Curatorial Fellowships

The Mellon Museum Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellowships bring postdoctoral fellows to the American Philosophical Society for a two-year period. Each year a new fellow is selected and fully integrated into the APS Museum staff.

Fellows work in the APS collections and curate an exhibition based on APS Library and Museum holdings. Eight percent of the fellows time is spent on researching, planning, and creating the signage for the exhibit, which changes on a yearly basis. The remainder of the fellow’s time is spent on independent research.

In addition to a $47,000 stipend and benefits, the fellow receives funds for research support, travel, and relocation expenses.
All applications are read by three experts, at least one of whom must serve on the selection committee. Applicants are then discussed and recipients chosen at a committee meeting. All grantees and fellows are required to submit project and financial reports at the conclusion of their APS-funded work.
Tips

-- It is best avoid using Interfolio letters of support as the reviewers/committees as they often do not address the actual project being proposed and sometimes exceed the maximum length and are truncated by the online system.

-- Applicants should address in the project statement how their work either breaks new ground or corrects errors in the field. As they are underlining the significance of the work, they are also demonstrating knowledge of existing scholarship in their discipline.

-- Letters of recommendation should come from people not affiliated with the applicant’s institution.

-- Budgets, large or small, should pass the tests of reasonableness and feasibility.
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