

THE  
**Woodrow Wilson**  
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP  
FOUNDATION

FELLOWSHIPS  
FOR FIRST YEAR GRADUATE WORK  
LEADING TO  
A CAREER IN COLLEGE TEACHING

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FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
1959-1960

32 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey

## WOODROW WILSON NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

1. *History.* The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation grew out of a fellowship program established by Princeton University in 1945. After 1952 the fellowships were underwritten jointly by the thirty-seven universities comprising the Association of American Universities and by the Carnegie Corporation and the General Education Board. In the spring of 1957 a significant grant from the Ford Foundation made it possible to increase the number of fellowships to one thousand a year.

2. *Purpose.* The Foundation encourages promising men and women to consider careers as college teachers. Nomination by a college faculty member is the first encouragement a student receives. Through a careful process of selection, including a personal interview, a thousand fellows are then elected from the nominees. These fellows are fully supported through their first year of graduate study.

3. *Fields.* The Foundation supports students in natural and social sciences and in the humanities. Professional fields such as law, medicine, engineering, education and business administration are not within the scope of the program.

An elected fellow will normally engage in resident graduate study toward a degree. He is expected to devote the major portion of his time to his chosen field of interest which may be broader in scope than that of a single subject or department.

4. *Qualifications.* Outstanding college seniors and graduates who have not yet entered a liberal arts graduate school are eligible for nomination provided they demonstrate a sincere interest in college teaching. There is no age limit. College graduates now in the armed forces are eligible if they are free to enter a graduate school in 1959-1960. Also eligible are graduates who have done work in professional fields or who have worked in non-academic fields, provided they now wish to become college teachers. As an experiment, a limited number of fellowships for the academic year 1960-1961 will be awarded to outstanding juniors of the class of '60. Nominations for these juniors should be made at the same time as regular nominations; the awards for juniors will be announced in the spring of 1959.

5. *Period of Award.* The award is for the first year of graduate study only, but February 1959

graduates are eligible for an award by the fall of 1959 provided they will have accumulated no more than half an academic year's credit in a liberal arts graduate school.

6. *Stipend.* Fifteen hundred dollars plus dependency allowances for wife and children; the Foundation also pays directly to the graduate school tuition and fees for the fellow.

Quite independently of the program of fellowships described in this brochure, the Foundation makes direct grants to graduate schools at which Woodrow Wilson fellows are enrolled. These grants are for the support of graduate students beyond the first year.

7. *Stipulations.* Fellows are expected to accept an award only if they honestly believe that a career as a college teacher is a clear possibility for them. They are also expected to devote full time to their studies. A limited amount of teaching and assistance may be authorized by the national director, but only when such work is undertaken in furtherance of a fellow's graduate education and when it does not interfere with his normal growth in study.

Except in cases of military service or exceptional circumstances awards must be used in the academic year applied for.

An applicant may express a preference for any graduate school in the United States and Canada, but this choice is subject to review by the Foundation and acceptance by the graduate school in question. The committees will be guided by the applicant's expressed preference as well as by their own judgment. Normally, a student will not be authorized to hold a fellowship at the institution from which he has received his baccalaureate degree.

Since the number of qualified applicants always exceeds the number of fellowships available, all applicants are urged to apply simultaneously for aid from other sources as well, especially the graduate schools concerned. Fellowship winners need not decide until April 15, 1959 whether they want to accept a Woodrow Wilson fellowship.

8. *Type of Application.* Only faculty members may nominate candidates. A nominated candidate is invited by the regional chairman to make formal application which includes full transcripts

of academic records, three letters of recommendation, and the candidate's own statement of purpose. Applicants who believe that their academic records fail to give a fair picture of their abilities are urged to submit scores on the Graduate Record Examination as well. Candidates recommended for a fellowship award will be asked to submit a health certificate before the actual award is made.

9. *Method of Review and Criteria for Selection.* Applications are submitted to regional committees for screening. Only candidates who appear most promising to the regional committee

are then invited for an interview at a regional center. The regional committees cannot, unfortunately, invite all nominees for interviews.

10. *Time Schedule.* Nominations must be in the hands of regional chairmen *no later than October 31, 1958*. All credentials and the application must be filed by *November 30, 1958*. Interviews are generally held in early January, but regional committees are free to interview earlier than that date.

11. *Number of Awards.* One thousand fellowships are available for candidates in the academic year 1959-1960.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Any member of the academic profession in any college or university may nominate candidates by sending the name, college, and address of the candidate to the Chairman of the Region in which the student is currently enrolled as a student. Nominators can perform a useful service to the nominee and to the program by calling the nominee's attention to the wide range of schools where effective graduate studies in the particular discipline can be pursued.

Nominations should be sent as soon as possible, but *in no case later than October 31, 1958*. The Chairman of the Regional Selection Committee will then send the nominee a copy of this memorandum and an information form. Nominations for men in the Armed Forces should be sent directly to the National Director. Such nominations will be welcomed at any time during the year, and will be handled outside the regular procedures.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

(1) For the purpose of selecting Woodrow Wilson Fellows, the United States and Canada have been divided into fifteen regions, with a quota based on the number of baccalaureate degrees granted in each:

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| I: Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. | VII: Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama.                              |
| II: Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York City, Long Island and Westchester County.  | VIII: Michigan and Ohio.  |
| III: Ontario and non-metropolitan New York State.  | IX: Illinois and Indiana.   |
| IV: New Jersey and Pennsylvania.   | X: Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota.         |
| V: Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.                                     | XI: South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.                                |
| VI: South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.   | XII: Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.                                   |
|  | XIII: Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.                          |
|  | XIV: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, Alberta, and Alaska. |
|  | XV: California, Nevada, and Hawaii.   |

(2) Persons nominated for consideration as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow should file the required information form with the Chairman of their Regional Committee in October or early November, if possible, and *in any case not later than November 30, 1958*. The names and addresses of the Regional Chairmen are as follows:

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| I: Dean Lawrence Jones<br>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences<br>Harvard University<br>Cambridge 38, Massachusetts | II: Dean Alan D. Ferguson<br>1504-A Yale Station<br>New Haven, Connecticut |
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- III: Professor Stephen Whicher  
Graduate School, 125 Day Hall  
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Ithaca, New York
- IV: Professor Richard M. Ludwig  
Box 341  
Princeton, New Jersey
- V: Professor Fredson Bowers  
Department of English, Cabell Hall  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia
- VI: Professor Charles D. Hounshell  
Department of Political Science  
Emory University  
Atlanta, Georgia
- VII: Professor Dewey Grantham  
Department of History  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tennessee
- VIII: Professor Richard C. Boys  
820 East Washington Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan
- IX: Professor J. Lyndon Shanley  
Pearsons Hall  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois
- X: Professor Russell Whitesel  
Department of Political Science  
State University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa
- XI: Dean Walter Wright  
College of Arts and Sciences  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln 8, Nebraska
- XII: Professor Louis G. Kahle  
Department of Political Science  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri
- XIII: Professor John Hough  
Department of Classics  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado
- XIV: Professor Donald Treadgold  
Department of History  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington
- XV: Professor Travis Bogard  
Department of English  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

(3) In any Region where the number of nominees is large, a preliminary elimination will be made on the basis of credentials. Regional Committees will then summon to a personal interview as many of the nominees as they find it possible to see. These personal interviews will be scheduled in January 1959; *no fellow will be selected without such an interview.*

(4) Nominees invited to appear before the Regional Committee will be paid a travel allowance. Each nominee will be asked to submit an account of expenses to the Chairman of the Regional Committee.

(5) Selected candidates will be notified toward the end of February, 1959.

(6) Formal announcement of the Fellowship awards will be made by the National Director on April 1, 1959.

#### Officers of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

- President: Dr. Hugh Taylor  
National Director: Dr. Hans Rosenhaupt  
Consultant: Professor Richard C. Boys  
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For further information or for additional copies of this Memorandum, address the Chairman of the appropriate Regional Committee or the National Director, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Box 642, Princeton, New Jersey.

This memorandum cancels previous issues.

August 15, 1958

## RE M I N D E R

Nominations due: October 31, 1958  
Credentials of Nominees due: November 30, 1958