

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Committee on General Scholarships

Sinclair Kennedy Traveling Fellowships
Frank Knox Memorial Traveling Fellowships
Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowships
Lurcy Traveling Fellowships

Academic Year 2017-2018

PLEASE NOTE: Applications for this fellowship are now submitted electronically through CARAT!

The Committee on General Scholarships invites Harvard graduate and professional schools to nominate candidates for the Kennedy, Knox and Sheldon Traveling Fellowships, and the Lurcy Traveling Fellowships for academic year 2017-2018.

The competition is open to current Harvard graduate students or students who will graduate from one of Harvard's professional schools in May 2017. Fellowship recipients are required to live at their research or study destinations for the length of the academic year. These fellowships are not intended to support multiple trips to research destinations for students who are based in Cambridge or elsewhere in the United States during the year.

These fellowships support a full academic year (September-June) of research or study abroad. They are not available to support project periods of less than an academic year. Fellowships are \$25,000 for the 2016-2017 academic year. The amount is likely to be similar for the 2017-2018 academic year.

In addition, the terms of the fellowships stipulate the following:

SINCLAIR KENNEDY FELLOWSHIPS

Kennedy Fellowships support research at destinations outside of the United States. Students enrolling at foreign universities are not eligible for these funds.

FRANK KNOX MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Knox Fellowships support research and/or study in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the United Kingdom. Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

FREDERICK SHELDON FELLOWSHIPS

Sheldon Fellowships support research, study and/or travel abroad or within the United States (although not at Harvard University). While the Sheldon Fellowship permits travel in the United States, the primary intention of this fellowship is to help students spend an academic year abroad. Preference is given to students who have or will have a Harvard degree at the time of the fellowship.

GSAS LURCY TRAVELING FELLOWSHIPS

These are awarded to GSAS students to conduct research on a topic that is uniquely French and available only in France. **Please note: the Lurcy Trust has just announced that it will give strong preference to projects with "contemporary relevance." They elaborate by saying that the project should relate to "a world which is ever changing at an increasingly dynamic pace."** The stipend is now \$25,000.

ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS

Students currently registered in any of the graduate or professional schools at Harvard are eligible to apply if they have completed at least one full year of graduate study at the time of their application. Students in their first year of graduate study at Harvard are not eligible to apply.

Fellowship funds are not renewable or deferrable.

Recipients must obtain the approval of the Committee on General Scholarships if they wish to accept other grants or fellowships during the same period. Fellows may not hold other grants or fellowships for the same period without this approval. The Committee on General Scholarships reserves the right to decrease the amount of an award if fellows have received other funding for the same time period.

Fellowship funds are not intended to support the dependents of a fellow and additional funding to support dependents is not available.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates for the Kennedy, Knox, Sheldon, and Lurcy Traveling Fellowships are evaluated by the following criteria:

- Feasibility and quality of the proposed research;
- Outstanding academic record;
- Standing in the academic department and graduate or professional school;

APPLICATION FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE FELLOWSHIPS

Candidates apply for all the above fellowships with a single CARAT application, including all accompanying application materials. GSAS students must apply through fellowship opportunity – **“CGS Kennedy, Knox and Sheldon Travel Fellowships Application for PhD Candidates Only”** – listed in CARAT.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates may not apply directly to the Committee on General Scholarships. The following materials must be submitted in CARAT by the departmental deadline.

- Cover sheet (created by CARAT using profile information)
- Application Supplement (instructions and document found in CARAT)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Purpose
 - *Please describe your project, outlining the scope and purpose of your research, describing your plan of study for the year, and placing your project in the context of your degree and your career plans. The Statement of Purpose should not exceed four double-spaced typed pages. Please include your name on each page and your original signature at the end of the statement.*
- Project Budget and Timeline
 - *Please include a simple project budget outlining major expenses (travel, housing, food, local transportation, research costs, etc.) and possible sources of income.*
 - *Please include a simple project timeline including your estimated date of departure, estimated length of stay at your destination, any anticipated visits to the U.S. or elsewhere, and estimated date of return to the United States. If your project will require more than one travel destination, please expand the timeline to include all segments of your travel.*
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from a member of the Harvard faculty; letters are uploaded electronically into CARAT
- Official transcripts from all graduate programs

- **Please note** that for the Traveling Fellowships, GSAS students may submit an unofficial transcript generated from my.harvard to represent their current graduate studies.

DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES

Submit all required materials, as noted, to the department on the date designated by the department. Students must adhere to the internal departmental deadline to be considered for the Traveling Fellowships.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENTS

Graduate and professional schools are asked to screen their fellowship applicants and submit a single ranked list of its nominees for these four fellowships to the Committee on General Scholarships. In nominating and ranking its applicants, each school should consider the qualifications criteria listed above and provide the Committee with an assessment of its nominees in relation to these criteria. Since nominations and rankings depend on an evaluation of all required materials (statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts), departments should set a deadline for students to submit the required materials, allowing the departments sufficient time to meet the final deadline of **Monday, December 12, 2016**. Once the required materials have been submitted, the nominating procedure may vary according to the size of department and the size of the eligible candidate pool. In some cases, a committee is formed; in others, the determination is made through informal consultation. The following are some considerations for making assessments: (a) overall academic record and relative standing in the department, (b) feasibility of the proposal, and (c) outstanding personal characteristics of the candidate.

Please list your nominees in ranked order. Do not forward a separate ranked list for each of the four fellowships. Nominees for the four fellowships are considered by the Selection Committee as a single group. Schools should evaluate and rank candidates for the traveling fellowships in general, rather than as candidates for specific traveling fellowships. Once the department has done its ranking and completed its nomination form, department administrators **must upload this nomination form as an attachment to each student's application in CARAT**.

DEADLINE FOR DEPARTMENT EMAIL SUBMISSION

Department nominations and accompanying materials should be submitted in CARAT by the deadline of **Monday, December 12, 2016**. Questions about CARAT may be addressed to Elizabeth Perten (eperten@fas.harvard.edu). All other inquiries may be addressed to Cynthia Verba, Director of Fellowships, (617) 495-1814.