American Philosophical Society Grants and Fellowships

Every year the American Philosophical Society publishes their grant and fellowship programs. Here is detailed information about the programs that pertain most directly to BSA and their members.

They have revised the Grants section of their website, www.amphilsoc.org, for 2019-2020. They will announce any changes to programs at their website, so we invite you to check the Grants section periodically.

American Philosophical Society, RESEARCH PROGRAMS
Information and application instructions for all of the Society's programs can be accessed at our website. Click on the “Grants” tab at the top of the homepage.

INFORMATION about ALL PROGRAMS
Purpose, scope
Awards are made for noncommercial research only. The Society makes no grants for academic study or classroom presentation, for travel to conferences, for non-scholarly projects, for assistance with translation, or for the preparation of materials for use by students. The Society does not pay overhead or indirect costs to any institution or costs of publication.

Eligibility
Applicants may be citizens or residents of the United States or American citizens resident abroad. Foreign nationals whose research can only be carried out in the United States are eligible. Grants are made to individuals; institutions are not eligible to apply. Requirements for each program vary.

Tax information
Grants and fellowships are taxable income, but the Society is not required to report payments. It is recommended that grant and fellowship recipients discuss their reporting obligations with their tax advisors. Grant funds are not to be used to pay income taxes on the award.

Contact information
Questions concerning the FRANKLIN and LEWIS AND CLARK programs should be directed to Linda Musumeci, Director of Grants and Fellowships, at LMusumeci@amphilsoc.org or 215-440-3429.

Questions concerning all LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS should be directed to libfellows@amphilsoc.org or 215-440-3443.

BRIEF INFORMATION about INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Franklin Research Grants
Scope
This program of small grants to scholars is intended to support the cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge. The program is particularly designed to help meet the cost of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses.

Eligibility
Applicants are expected to have a doctorate or to have published work of doctoral character and quality. Ph.D. candidates are not eligible to apply, but the Society is especially interested in supporting the work of young scholars who have recently received the doctorate.

Award
From $1,000 to $6,000.

Deadlines
October 1, December 2; notification in January and March.

Library Long-Term Predoctoral Fellowships
Scope
The American Philosophical Society Library seeks applicants for one-year residential fellowships to assist in the completion of doctoral research in three areas of study. One fellowship will be awarded in each of these programs: the Center for Native American and Indigenous (CNAIR) Fellowship, the Friends of the APS Fellowship in Early American History (to 1840), and the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Fellowship.
Eligibility
The program is designed for advanced Ph.D. students working toward the completion of the dissertation. Applicants whose research overlaps any of the three available categories may submit applications to all pertinent programs.

Stipend
$25,000 for a 12-month period.

Deadline
February 1; notification by April 15.

Library Digital Humanities Fellowship
Scope
This one-month fellowship is open to scholars who are comfortable creating tools and visualizations, as well as those interested in working collaboratively with the APS technology team.

Eligibility
Scholars, including graduate students, at any stage of their career may apply. Special consideration will be given to proposals that present APS Library holdings in new and engaging ways.

Stipend
$3,000 upon arrival at the APS Library.

Deadline
March 1.

Library Resident Research Fellowships
Scope
The Library Resident Research fellowships support research in the Society's collections.

Eligibility
Applicants must demonstrate a need to work in the Society's collections for a minimum of one month and a maximum of three months. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. Candidates whose normal place of residence is farther away than a 75-mile radius of Philadelphia will be given some preference. Applicants do not need to hold the doctorate, although Ph.D. candidates must have passed their preliminary examinations.

Stipend
$3,000 per month; notification in late April.

Deadline
March 1; notification in May.

Library Long-Term Fellowship Opportunities in the History of Science
Scope
Long-term residential fellowships for advanced predoctoral students and sabbatical scholars specializing in the history of science.

Eligibility
Applicants' research must pertain to topics in the history of science and related fields. The successful applicant will be affiliated with the Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (https://www.chstm.org/), hosted by the APS.

Stipend
$25,000 plus research and travel support for a 12-month period.

Deadline
February 1

Note that Library Fellowships are continually being added. Please consult the APS website, for the most up-to-date information on current opportunities.

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