



Harvard College
Postgraduate Traveling Fellowship
2023-2024 Application Instructions

FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION:

All of these fellowships provide funds to support a year of purposeful travel and cultural immersion outside the U.S. in the year after graduation. Applications need not be tailored to any of the following fellowships in particular; candidates should put forward one proposal and will be considered for all available funding.

George Peabody Gardner Fellowship—The goal of this fellowship is to provide its recipients with an opportunity to reflect on their undergraduate life in the context of a wider horizon. Most particularly, it is intended that this fellowship be helpful in opening, rather than narrowing, the range of life-long interests ultimately to be pursued. Recipients of this fellowship demonstrate a curiosity and concern about the history, habitat, and customs of cultures other than their own.

Henry Russell Shaw Fellowship—Shaw Fellowships are limited to European travel. The purpose of these awards is to make it possible for young [people] to supplement their formal education by broadening and cultivating influence which comes from acquaintance with other countries. The object of these awards is to benefit young [people] who, without necessarily having attained to the highest scholarship in college, have made good use of their opportunities and give promise of success.

Frederick Sheldon Fellowship--The Sheldon Fellowships support students of promise and good academic standing in a year of unrestricted purposeful travel abroad after graduation. The project proposal is critical and should clearly define a goal or purpose for the year's travel.

Benjamin A. Trustman Fellowship—Trustman Fellowships are intended to further the education of students who show great promise of making important, long-range contributions to society by providing them with the opportunity to travel after graduation. The student's proposal for the fellowship year is critical and should be planned with the idea of exploration and challenge as a means of personal development and enrichment. The travel proposal should present some well-defined structure to make the fellowship year a rich experience.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be graduating Harvard College seniors of any nationality.

Benefits:

Approximately 15 fellowships are available each year. Fellowships provide \$27,000 which can be used to support one year of travel abroad.

Selection criteria:

These fellowships are largely concerned with character. While specific plans for using the fellowship are important—a well-prepared, feasible plan must be presented in the application—they are not the backbone of the fellowship. The committee's search is not just for interesting projects, but for interesting people ready to challenge themselves and their own perceptions of the world. Recipients must be able to immerse themselves in a foreign culture, perhaps traveling and living in remote areas of the world. The fellowship, therefore, is for people who are self-reliant, interested in the larger issues of the day, and above all, filled with a spirit of adventure--the fellowship is meant to encourage exploration and adventure as a means of personal growth.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

■ **APPLICATION FORM**

Complete the online CARAT information, which will be compiled and displayed as your application cover sheet.

■ **CURRENT RESUME**

Indicate activities, achievements, and experiences in college that demonstrate your interests. Please be sure to mention your extracurricular interests/hobbies. **Do not exceed one page.**

■ **CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Download your unofficial transcript from my.harvard.edu.

■ **ESSAY (answer both questions, separately or in one continuous essay)**

- 1) In 800 words or less, explain your reasons for seeking this fellowship and the plans you have for using it.
- 2) In 200 words or less, describe how you would commit to and benefit from a sustained cultural immersion experience.

■ **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

This letter should comment on the suitability of your plans for the fellowship year as well as on any relevant personal attributes. It need not be from a faculty member; indeed, another individual may be better positioned to comment on these matters. The letter should be addressed to “The Postgraduate Traveling Fellowship Selection Committee” and submitted online by your recommender, following instructions they will receive once you designate them. (See below).

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. **LOG IN TO [CARAT](#) USING YOUR HARVARD KEY** and confirm that your profile information is correct.

2. **BROWSE FOR THE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AND CLICK “APPLY”**

Fill out all required fields.

3. **REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “References” tab)**

You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to solicit recommendations at least three weeks ahead of the application deadline. Once you have provided name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders, **YOU MUST CLICK “Send Reference Request”** under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. **“Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.**

4. **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS**

All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.

5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)**

Enter your HUID and click “Submit”. The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or fellowships@fas.harvard.edu.

■ ■ ■ **DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 at 11:59pm (ET)** ■ ■ ■