2019-2020 Native American Scholars Initiative (NASI) Opportunities

The American Philosophical Society invites applications for predoctoral, postdoctoral, and short-term research fellowships and internship from scholars at all stages of their careers, especially Native American scholars in training, tribal college and university faculty members, and other scholars working closely with Native communities on projects in Native American and Indigenous Studies and related fields and disciplines. These funding opportunities are supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Native American Scholars Initiative (NASI). Fellows will be associated with the APS’s Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR), which promotes greater collaboration among scholars, archives, and Indigenous communities.

Predoctoral Fellowship (deadline February 1, 2019)
This 12-month residential fellowship is intended for an advanced Ph.D. student working toward completion of the dissertation. A stipend of $25,000 (plus benefits) will be awarded to the successful applicant, who will have desk space at the APS Library. In addition, the predoctoral fellow will receive $5,000 in funding to support outside research, fieldwork, and/or travel. Further information about the fellowship and application process can be found at https://apply.interfolio.com/56007.

Postdoctoral Fellowship (deadline February 1, 2019)
This 12-month residential fellowship is intended for a recent Ph.D., professor at any level seeking sabbatical support for a research project, or an independent scholar working closely with an Indigenous community on a project. A stipend that includes the option for health benefits will be awarded to the successful applicant, who will have desk space at the APS Library. The stipend will be in the $45-60K range (depending on benefits). In addition, the postdoctoral fellow will receive $5,000 in funding to support outside research, fieldwork, and/or travel. Further information about the fellowship and application process can be found at https://apply.interfolio.com/55932.

Short-term Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship (deadline March 1, 2019)
These fellowships are open to scholars working on Native American and Indigenous topics who need to do archival research at the APS Library or elsewhere in order to complete their projects. Preference will be given to those who are working closely with Native communities and who plan to share their research with Native communities. The stipend is $3,000 plus the costs associated with visiting the APS for the summer 2019 DKS workshop. Further information about the fellowship and application process can be found at https://apply.interfolio.com/56341.

Undergraduate Summer Internship (deadline February 15, 2019)
These paid 8-week internships provide three talented undergraduates with the opportunity to conduct research, to explore career possibilities in archives and special collections, and to learn about advanced training in Native American and Indigenous Studies and related fields. The internship will take place from mid-June to mid-August 2019. During this time students will work at the APS Library and may have the opportunity to travel to Native communities to share their work. The stipend is between $3000 and $3500 (depending on housing costs), plus a travel allowance. Further information about the internship and application process can be found at https://apply.interfolio.com/56020.

About the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR)
CNAIR focuses on helping Indigenous communities and scholars to discover and utilize the APS collection in innovative ways. The Collections comprise a vast archive of documentary sources (including manuscript materials, audio recordings, and images) related to over 650 indigenous cultures, predominantly from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Indigenous Subject Guide may be accessed through the CNAIR webpage: http://www.amphilsoc.org/CNAIR

Questions about NASI fellowships should be directed to libfellows@amphilsoc.org or 215-440-3400