

2015-2016 SPA / Lemelson Fellowship Program

Fellowship Details and Application Instructions

The SPA / Lemelson Fellowships are designed to provide graduate students working in the field of psychological anthropology with funding to pursue exploratory research for planning their dissertation research and methods training to prepare for dissertation research. Up to a maximum of \$6,000 in funds can be requested to support all travel expenses, research expenses and other reasonable and justified expenses. Normally, fellows receive their awards after their first or second year of graduate training as they develop their dissertation research projects. Students at other points in their education may apply with an explanation of their situation, but funding may not be used to support any portion of dissertation field research. In all instances, research projects supported by the funding should have the potential of advancing the field of psychological anthropology.

Six fellowships will be awarded in 2015 with each fellow expected to receive between \$4,000 and \$6,000 depending upon need.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and during the period of the fellowship. Fellows' research must be in the field of psychological anthropology, broadly defined, but applicants do not need to be students in departments of anthropology.
- Applicants must be members of the SPA at the time their application is submitted or their application will not be reviewed.
- Fellowships are open to all graduate students without regard to citizenship or place of residence.
- Students cannot receive more than one SPA / Lemelson Fellowship.

Funding:

Financial support can be requested to support all travel expenses, visa applications, fieldwork expenses such as per diem living expenses, housing, participant fees and gifts, supplies, and other reasonable and justified expenses. Your budget must include support for attendance at the AAA Annual Meeting up to a maximum of \$600. Funds may not be used to pay for graduate school tuition, consultant fees, or durable equipment, such as computers, cameras, or digital voice recorders. Some funds may be requested to support language study if the field language in question is not readily available, but supporting language study is not a funding priority and any proposal for which language study is the primary focus will not be funded.

Funds will be provided directly to the student and is considered taxable income. The fellowship will not cover any indirect costs.

Requirements of Fellows:

- Students must file a brief report on the results of their completed research projects by May 1st, 2016 to the SPA's Secretary-Treasurer. Details will be provided to award recipients.
- Fellows who accept the Lemelson Fellowship may not accept any other research grants or funding covering the same research project.
- Fellows are required to attend the SPA's Business Meeting at the 2015 AAA Annual Meetings in Denver, Colorado so that they may be recognized.
- If any circumstances arise that change the research trip in any way from the funded proposal (e.g., dates, length of the research trip, locations, activities), the fellow must immediately contact the SPA's Secretary-Treasurer with details of the changes and an explanation. The fellow may be asked to return some portion of the funding he or she has received if the changes are substantial.

- Fellows must acknowledge the Fellowship in any publicity, publication, or other public presentation of the work related to their SPA/Lemelson Fellowship. Details will be provided to award recipients.

Deadline:

All components of the application described below, including the letter of recommendation, are to be submitted via email and must be received by the SPA's Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Odden (Oddenh@ipfw.edu), by **12:00 PM (Noon) EST on Saturday, February 14th, 2015.**

Application components:

- (1) *Application form:* Download the fellowship application form from the fellowship website, complete the form using Adobe Acrobat or Reader, and save it with your last name in the title.
- (2) *Project statement:* In 750 to a maximum of 1,000 words (excluding references), please describe the specific research activities or training that you will carry out with support from the SPA/Lemelson Fellowship. Explain in detail how you will use your time, including any preliminary data you will collect and analysis you are considering. Please specify the ways in which this preliminary research and/or methods training has the potential to make your dissertation research more successful. Finally, your proposal should specifically address how your research program has the potential to advance the field of psychological anthropology. The statement should be single-spaced, and use a 12-point font and one-inch margins on all sides. Any references included should be narrowly focused, and should not exceed 300 words.
- (3) *Budget and budget justification:* In a single page, provide a detailed budget with justification for the items and amounts included. Justification should include mention of how the prices of airfare, room and board, etc. were determined. Your budget must include support for attendance at the AAA meetings up to \$600, and this amount should be listed as a single item in your budget. Please list all other grants for which you are applying that would cover the same research project, and include the name of the grant, funding agency, amounts requested, and date by which you expect to hear about the grant. If you are not applying for other funding, please state this.
- (4) *Letter of recommendation:* Applicants must obtain a letter written in support of their application from a faculty member familiar with their work and research aspirations. Normally, this will be the chair of the student's graduate research advisory committee. Please provide the attached information sheet to the individual who is writing the letter. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure that the letter is submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Only one letter of recommendation will be accepted.

Please submit the application components as two files with your last name in the title of both. The first file should be the completed application form, and the second should include the project statement, budget and budget justification.

Application review and other details:

Review of applications will begin on February 15th. We hope to contact the awardees by mid-March and will contact all applicants by the end of March. Unfortunately, the selection committee cannot provide individual feedback on any application. If you have any questions on the application or the fellowship, please contact Harold Odden (email: Oddenh@ipfw.edu, and tel. (260) 481-4183).

The Society for Psychological Anthropology / Lemelson Fellowship Program
Letter of Recommendation

Your graduate student is applying for a SPA/Lemelson Fellowship, which will provide funding for him or her to pursue exploratory research for planning their dissertation research, methods training to prepare for dissertation research, or a pilot study to prepare for more extensive research applications. For more information about the SPA/Lemelson Fellowships, see http://www.aaanet.org/sections/spa/?page_id=94.

We request that you complete a letter of recommendation in support of the student and their proposed research project. In the letter, please evaluate the importance of the work they propose to do, the quality of the applicant, and the likelihood that the award will lead to a stronger dissertation. Describe the circumstances under which you have come to know about the applicant's academic potential. You may wish to discuss the applicant's unique academic strengths, success in meeting degree progress timelines, professional accomplishments to date, and career goals. These awards are specifically intended to further research in psychological anthropology, so please be sure to indicate how the student's proposed project may do so.

Please email your letter as a PDF or MS Word document to the SPA Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Odden (Oddenh@ipfw.edu). The deadline for receipt is **12:00 PM (Noon) EST on February 14th, 2015**. This is a hard deadline, and unfortunately incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Thank you very much, on behalf of the SPA / Lemelson Student Fellowship program and the SPA!