



Opportunities for Scholars Academic Year 2012-2013



The Institute for Advanced Study

is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, free from teaching and other university obligations. Each year scholars from around the world apply to come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those who are chosen are offered a membership for a set period. Members receive access to the extensive resources of the Institute, including offices, libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services.

The School of Historical Studies

supports scholarship in all fields of historical research, but is concerned principally with the history of Western, Near Eastern, and Asian civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, the history of science, philosophy, and modern international relations. The School also offers the Edward T. Cone Membership in Music Studies. Each year the School welcomes approximately forty Members. Most are working on topics in the above-mentioned fields, but each year the School also selects some scholars working in other areas of historical research. Members in the School are appointed for either one term (first term Sept. 24 to Dec. 21, second term Jan. 7 to April 5) or for two terms, amounting to a full academic year.

Institute stipends will normally be offered up to a maximum of \$65,000 for the full academic year, or \$32,500 for one term. A few senior scholars will be offered additional funding to help make up for losses in salary. Scholars with sabbatical funding, other grants, retirement funding, or other means may apply for a non-stipendiary membership. Four Assistant Professors who meet additional eligibility requirements will be selected for Mellon Fellowships that will provide full-year support matching their salaries and benefits at the time of application. (Detailed information about this program is on the website: www.hs.ias.edu/mellon.htm.) Stipends may be supplemented by other grants, including sabbatical salaries, but if the total exceeds the salary at the time of application the Institute stipend will be reduced accordingly. Some short-term visitorships (for less than a full term, and without stipend) are also available on an ad-hoc basis. (To inquire contact the Administrative Officer as indicated below.)

Eligibility requirements include the Ph.D. (or equivalent) at the time of application and a substantial record of publication. The School takes into account the stage of the scholar's academic career when considering the list of publications, but in general applicants should have at least several articles already published in scholarly publications in order to be considered eligible. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply. Scholars are not required to have a current institutional affiliation.

Funding for Members comes from a variety of sources including the Institute for Advanced Study's own endowment, grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gerda Henkel Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The School also welcomes scholars sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies through the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowships for recently tenured professors. (Applications for that program must be submitted directly to ACLS. For information see the ACLS website: www.acls.org/programs/burkhardt.)

Members are expected to remain in residence in Princeton during term time. Members' only other obligation is to pursue their own research. If they wish, they may also participate in seminars and meetings within the Institute, and there are ample opportunities for contacts with scholars at nearby universities.

Deadline

Completed membership applications must be submitted by November 1, 2011.

Further information and membership application materials may be found on the School's website, www.hs.ias.edu. Inquiries may be sent by email to the Administrative Officer at mzelazny@ias.edu or by post to: School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.



The months at IAS have given me the chance to engage in the sort of broad and comprehensive reading that is necessary to start a new project ... the sort of activity that is not easily compatible with a normal teaching schedule. ... Especially beneficial in directed readings has been the exchange of ideas with other Members.

Former Member School of Historical Studies