

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN POLISH RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose:

"The purpose of the Stanley and Martha Garstka Fellowship Fund is to create a permanent access for qualified young Polish scholars of the Universities of Warsaw, Gdansk, and Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan, to do research work in their field of interest in history proper, in the narrow American disciplinary sense of that word "history" at Notre Dame, to widen their horizons, to enhance their knowledge of American culture in a university setting, and to nurture a sense of excellence and dedication to truthfulness in an unbiased analysis of historical events. It is a humanitarian endeavor, meant to be based in perpetuity, honesty, and dedication of all participants." (Par I, Agreement)

Eligibility:

The Fellowship is awarded to Polish scholars in history who are recent postgraduates or junior faculty members. Candidates will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, proficiency in English (documented by a TOEFL score or university English departments), letters of recommendation, and a statement of intent in congruence with the purpose of the Fellowship.

Time-Frame:

The time-frame of the Fellowship is ten months. At Notre Dame, the Fall Semester extends from mid-August through mid-December; the Spring Term from mid-January through mid-May (Semester = 15 weeks). Fellows ordinarily teach a semester course in the Spring, unless other arrangements are necessary.

What the Fellowship Provides:

- Round-trip air fare from Warsaw to South Bend. Notre Dame ordinarily provides the tickets. If the Fellows wish, they may purchase their tickets in Poland and be reimbursed by Notre Dame upon their arrival.
- A monthly stipend of \$1,100 per month for 10 months (mid-August to mid-June). (Notre Dame pays salaries at the end of the month. Since Fellows arrive in mid-August and are not paid until September, it is important to have sufficient funds for personal needs to this time.)
- Monthly rent for house/apartment, including utilities.
- Employer contribution for health insurance for the Fellow.
- Food allowance of \$388 per month.
- Travel funds for a professional meeting or to pursue their research in the United States.
- Discretionary fund of \$1,500 to cover costs of materials or services associated with research (books, manuscripts, copying, etc.).
- Copying of teaching materials (syllabus, exams, handouts).

What the Fellow Must Provide:

- Personal long distance calls.
- Employee contribution to health insurance for dependents.

- Personal office supplies.
- Television cable hookup and monthly fees.
- Personal transportation.

What the University Will Provide:

- Access to the Coordinator on a continuing basis, who will assist in settling in, fulfilling the necessary paper work with housing, food service, registration with the University, certification, immigration questions, social security registration, reimbursements, and general orientation to the University, the city of South Bend, and the local Polish American Community.
- A faculty mentor who will assist in their research and preparation for teaching.
- A shared office with other Fellows.
- A personal computer and access to the University computing network and libraries.
- Free access to University courses.