

SUMMARY OF THE NEW ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

Your institution's nominated candidates (a maximum of 3 Visiting Scholars and 2 Visiting Fellows) will be asked to *apply online*. We still require all candidates to be officially nominated by their home institutions. Applications without your institutional approval will not be accepted.

We recognize that each of our partner institutions has their own unique system for nominating candidates. We hope this system will be convenient for all parties involved, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and patience.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

A **maximum of 5 applicants at your institution can use the online system** to submit their applications.

If you have more than 5 applicants (3 for Visiting Scholars and 2 for Visiting Fellows) interested in the programs, your institution should first conduct its own **internal review** to determine which 5 candidates will be nominated.

Once your 5 candidates have been determined, your office should contact Lindsay Strogatz (strogatz@fas.harvard.edu) to receive the URL for the online application system. Your office can then send this web link to the 5 nominated candidates, who can create an account and apply online. Your office will also be able to access the online system.

The **application deadline will remain at September 30, 2014**. Please be sure to give your nominated candidates **adequate time** to complete their online application.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Both the applicants and your office will be responsible for certain application materials. The required materials are listed below on page 2 (for Visiting Scholars) and page 3 (Visiting Fellows).

The international or foreign affairs office is **responsible for receiving the applicant's 3 recommendation letters**, and then uploading them to the candidate's online account (the applicant will not be able to see the letters). Please inform applicants that recommendation letter writers can send the letters to your office via email (as a Word doc or PDF), or as a hard copy (in which case your office can open and scan the letters).

As in previous years, we also ask for an Institutional Approval Form, signed by the President, Vice-Chancellor, Rector, Dean of Faculty or other appropriate administrative officer of the applicant's sponsoring university. Your office will also be able to upload this Form in the online system.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM – REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. Application Information:

Applicants will be asked to enter the following information:

- **Basic identity information** (name, date of birth, citizenship, addresses etc.)
- **Current position** (job title, university, field, sub-field)
- **Education** (degrees, subject, year awarded)
- **Miscellaneous questions** (are you applying for funding from other organizations; have you applied for a HYI scholarship before; have you been issued a Harvard ID before; have you been a visiting scholar in the US in the past 2 years)
- Title of **proposed research project**
- The name(s) of 1-2 **Faculty members** at Harvard University and/or any other major university in the United States with whom you wish to consult during the stay of the fellowship. It is not necessary to contact faculty during the application process.
- **Foreign travel** (only for long-term stays, do not list vacations or short trips for conferences)
- **Languages** (list native language, indicate level of English and any other languages spoken)

2. CV and Research Plan:

Applicants will be asked to **upload** the following documents (in English):

- A **CV (curriculum vitae)**, in English, which must include:
 - Honors (previous fellowships, scholarships, grants and other honors)
 - Employment (All positions held, academic or other, in chronological order, with dates. Include the date from which you have held your present faculty position)
 - Publications (please list titles in the original language as well as English)
- **Research Plan** (3-5 pages, in English)
 - What is the subject of your research plan? Scholarships are intended for original, publishable research (It is not necessary that the research be completed during the year at Harvard). The scholarship is not intended for the compilation of textbooks or the writing of general surveys of your field. Give a description in English in about 3-5 pages, explaining your research plans at Harvard University and/or another major university.

3. Recommendation letters:

Three recommendation letters (in English) are required, one of which must be from the applicant's adviser or the person most familiar with his/her scholarly work. **Applicants cannot upload their recommendation letters.** Rather, letters should be sent directly from the writer to the candidate's international or foreign affairs office. The office staff will attach the 3 recommendation letters to the candidate's online account. Applicants cannot view the letters in the online system.

4. Institutional Approval Form:

Signed by the President, Vice-Chancellor, Rector, Dean of Faculty or other appropriate administrative officer of the applicant's sponsoring university. Must be uploaded by the foreign affairs/international office.

VISITING FELLOWS PROGRAM – REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. Application Information:

Applicants will be asked to enter the following information:

- **Basic identity information** (name, date of birth, citizenship, addresses etc.)
- **Current position** (title, university, field, sub-field)
- **Education** (degrees, subject, year awarded)
- **Miscellaneous questions** (are you applying for funding from other organizations; have you applied for a HYI scholarship before; have you been issued a Harvard ID before)
- Title of **dissertation**; name/position of **adviser**, indicating current **phase** of your dissertation writing and research
- The name(s) of 1-2 **Faculty members** at Harvard University and/or any other major university in the Boston area with whom you wish to consult during the stay of the fellowship. It is not necessary to contact faculty during the application process.
- **Foreign travel** (only for long-term stays, do not list vacations or short trips for conferences)
- **Languages** (list native language, indicate level of English and any other languages spoken)

2. CV, Dissertation Description and Transcripts:

Applicants will be asked to upload the following documents (**in English**).

- **CV (curriculum vitae)**, in English, including:
 - Honors (previous fellowships, scholarships, grants and other honors)
 - Employment (All positions held, academic or other, in chronological order, with dates)
 - Publications (please list titles in the original language as well as English)
- **Dissertation Description**
 - What is the subject of your Ph.D. dissertation? Please provide a 2-3 page description, indicating how far you have progressed in writing it. Explain how a Visiting Fellowship at Harvard University would contribute to your dissertation.
- **University Transcripts**
 - Only for **graduate level** (undergraduate and other transcripts not required). Please only upload English version. Unofficial transcripts are accepted, but official transcripts are preferred.

3. Recommendation letters:

Three recommendation letters (in English) are required, one of which must be from the applicant's adviser or the person most familiar with his/her scholarly work. **Applicants cannot upload their recommendation letters.** Rather, letters should be sent directly from the writer to the candidate's international or foreign affairs office. The office staff will attach the 3 recommendation letters to the candidate's online account. Applicants cannot view the letters in the online system.

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