Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

Internal Deadline: Materials due to limitedsubs@psu.edu by October 14.
Applications due to Carnegie: November 3, 2016
Limit: 2 nominees
Award amount: $200,000

The Carnegie Corporation has announced a call for nominations for their third year of this prestigious fellows program. This third year has a limit of two (2) nominees per institution (one Junior < 10 yrs post PhD and one senior faculty.)

The program instructions and criteria, as well as 2017 topics are below (and attached.) We are asking that each college that has interest send in their best (one) faculty nominee and we will conduct a downselect. Please forward a brief description of your candidate’s qualifications and potential (one page max) to limitedsubs@psu.edu no later than October 14, as we have a very tight timeline.

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Instructions and Criteria
As noted in the cover letter, the following are eligible for consideration for a fellowship: senior and junior scholars, journalists, and public intellectuals. The institution may nominate up to two people. If you are a university president, you may nominate one junior and one senior scholar from your full-time faculty. A junior scholar is defined as a scholar who received his/her Ph.D. ten years ago or less—that is, between 2006 and 2016. A senior scholar is a scholar more than ten years out from his/her Ph.D. If you are not in academe, you may nominate up to two individuals, without regard to the junior/senior category.

If you wish to make a nomination, please provide your candidate with a letter of nomination describing his or her qualifications and this link to the Andrew
Carnegie Fellows web page for online application forms and information. Completed applications are due by 11:59 pm EDT on Thursday, November 3, 2016. No exceptions will be honored. All applications must be submitted through our online system; nominees should upload the letter of nomination from you, along with the required materials listed below. Applications missing a letter of nomination will not be considered.

A complete application will comprise the following:
1. A letter of nomination for each candidate. The letter should include a brief description of the candidate’s qualifications and potential and describe how his or her contributions will address pressing issues and cultural shifts affecting us at home and abroad.
2. Only an application with a letter of nomination from a designated nominator (those who received a letter from Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation, requesting nominations) will be considered. Unfortunately, self-nominations will not be accepted.
3. For each candidate, a three- to five-page prospectus prepared by the nominee that describes his or her project, including a projected work plan and approximate time frame. NB: jurors will not read any prospectus beyond the five-page limit. However, a separate bibliography may be attached.
4. A one-page summary of the prospectus
5. A copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae
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7. An estimate of budgetary requirements. A budget form, including spreadsheet and narrative are provided as part of the online form. Go to the Andrew Carnegie Fellows web page for a primer on filling out the budget template.
8. A short narrative biography: 250-400 words, for use in press dissemination and on our website
9. Links to any social media platforms or websites that showcase your work, including Twitter handles
10. Photo: A high-resolution portrait photo suitable for a publication or website (300 DPI, JPG or TIFF that has no copyright restrictions). This will be used in announcing the winners and as part of a feature on the web page of the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program.

The selection process will consist of two stages. First, anonymous, nationally prominent experts in various fields will conduct a preliminary evaluation of nominees’ proposals. Then the top proposals will be forwarded to the members of the jury for their scrutiny and ultimate decision.

Criteria
Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
• Originality and promise of the idea
• Quality of the proposal
• Potential impact on the field
• Record of the nominee
• Plans to communicate findings to a broad audience

All recipients must be U.S. citizens or have permanent U.S. residency status. Nominees should bear in mind that individual fellowships will not be awarded to support dissertations, debt repayments, lobbying efforts, the purchase of equipment, or rent. Fellowships may be used to support such expenses as salary, fringe benefits, project-related travel, research assistants, and translators.

Most important, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that all funds will be awarded directly to the individual and not to his or her institution. A legal ruling based on the IRS approval for the fellows program confirmed that funds must go to the individual. Nominees should be aware that there may be tax implications associated with the award. However, Carnegie Corporation cannot give tax advice. **Nominators from colleges and universities**: Nominations must be approved by the president. In nominating a scholar for the fellowship, the institution is expressly indicating that it fully supports the nominee. If the nominee is chosen, the institution agrees to make certain that he or she suffers no adverse financial or other consequences as a result, including but not limited to, loss or suspension of health or retirement benefits. **NO indirect/overhead costs** will be allowed or paid to the university; the successful nominee shall receive the entire fellowship for support of his/her research project. Finally, in accepting his or her institution’s nomination, the candidate is affirming that, if chosen for a fellowship, he/she will accept.

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Topics 2017

**Strengthening U.S. democracy and exploring new narratives**
Possible topic areas include, but are not confined to, inequality, access to education, religion, gender, race, migration and immigration, the widening poverty-wealth gap, political polarization, civic participation, individual rights and privacy, incarceration, judicial and criminal justice reform, rule of law, the voting process, the party system, and the public good.

**Technological and cultural creativity—potential and perils**
Possible topic areas include, but are not confined to, the impact of technologies on privacy, data (in)security, civic participation, big data, artificial intelligence, challenges to and varieties of individual expression, impact of traditional and social media, accountability of tech industry, the power of imagery, approaches to death and dying, cognitive science and human creativity, definitions of the human and the post-human, and ethical issues raised by medical and scientific research.

**Global connections and global ruptures**
Possible topic areas include, but are not confined to, threats to national sovereignty and democratic institutions, nationalism, human rights, race, gender, religion, access to education, migration and immigration, refugee crises, demographic changes, challenges to cultural legacies, national security and civil liberties, poverty, terrorism, international law, war and peace in the 21st century, and nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

**Environments, natural and human**
Possible topic areas include, but are not confined to, political and economic stability, global climate change, health, inequality, human rights, defining the Anthropocene, ethical implications of environmental issues, and literary and cultural expressions of environmental change.