

Intent and Description of CIIS Fellows Program

The CIIS Fellows Program is designed to enhance opportunities for faculty-student collaboration on research undertaken in another country or within a minority U.S. culture. Application deadline is **February 1**.

The CIIS Fellows Program provides funding for a faculty member and from one to three students to pursue research outside the regular semesters and to share an experience of working off-campus in a significantly different cultural setting. The students' research will not be credit-bearing though it may lay the foundation for future academic work and will involve learning essential research skills.

The research project should be designed collaboratively by the faculty member and the student(s). In this the program differs sharply from the University Fellows Program, in which the student initiates, designs and authors a proposal that s/he will pursue under the supervision of a faculty member during the summer. The CIIS Fellows program envisions collaboration on a research project; however, proposals must allow each student participant scope for individual initiative in project design and in research activity.

Proposals should make clear why the location off-campus is essential to the research. Funding is intended to support the cost of travel to a location off-campus, living expenses for three-to-six weeks, and modest research costs. Because of the costs of doing field research abroad, and because these fellowships provide extraordinary research opportunities for students and faculty alike, no stipends are included in these grants. Students working on projects in the summer may, if necessary, make a special application for an award to help defray loss of summer earnings.

The CIIS Fellows Program presumes that the faculty member has familiarity with the proposed location and will be able to facilitate the students' experience there. We anticipate that in most cases the initiative for proposals will come from faculty members whose interests and expertise must be directly drawn upon. We therefore

ask you to announce the program in your classes or in conversations with students, indicating your own level of interest and availability. Departments might consider posting a list of faculty members willing to participate as a CIIS Fellow, with an indication of their area of interest.

Read and download the guidelines for CIIS Fellows proposals. Faculty members interested in this program should contact Patricia Alden, associate dean for international and intercultural studies, for further information (palden@mail.stlawu.edu). Copies of earlier proposals are available to be reviewed in the CIIS office.