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Historical Studies



Opportunities for Scholars

Academic Year 2023-2024



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, access to libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services.



The past four months have been, quite simply, the most productive and intellectually stimulating of my professional career. While I had high hopes for the research I would carry out while at the Institute, I had not anticipated the extent to which the interdisciplinary nature of its membership, the collegiality, or the physical environment would extend my thinking and activities.

Former Member School of Historical Studies

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 the Greek and Roman world, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, art history, history of science, and late modern history. The School also offers the Edward T. Cone Membership in Music Studies. The School welcomes approximately forty Members working on topics in the above-mentioned fields, but each year the School also selects scholars working in other areas of historical research. All selections are based on both external and internal reviews. Members in the School are appointed for either term (first term September 25 to December 22, second term January 15 to April 12) or two terms, amounting to a full academic year. Postdoctoral fellowship appointments are for one year and renewable for a second.

Members' eligibility requirements: applicants must have a substantial record of publication and a Ph.D. awarded by no later than 1 September 2022. The School considers the scholar's academic career stage when evaluating the list of publications. Still, applicants must have at least three substantial articles in print in scholarly publications to be considered eligible. Scholars do not have to have a current institutional affiliation.

The Institute will generally offer **stipends** to a maximum of \$78,000 for the full academic year or \$39,000 for one term. Other grants,

including sabbatical salaries, may supplement membership stipends, but if the total exceeds the salary at the time of application, the Institute stipend will be reduced. Scholars with full sabbatical funding, other grants, retirement funding, or other means may apply for a non-stipendiary membership. Institute stipends are intended to replace lost salaries to fund Members; they are not intended to pay for teaching replacements in Members' home institutions. A few Assistant Professors who meet additional eligibility requirements will be selected for Mellon Fellowships that provide full-year support matching their salaries and benefits during application. (Detailed information about this program is on the website: <https://www.hs.ias.edu/mellon>.) Some short-term visitorships (for less than a full term and without a stipend) are also available ad-hoc. (To inquire about visitorship opportunities, contact the Administrative Officer at HSao@ias.edu.)

Members and postdoctoral fellows **must remain in Princeton residence** during term time. Members' and fellows' only obligation is to pursue their research. If they wish, they may also participate in seminars and meetings within the Institute, and there are ample opportunities for contact with scholars at nearby universities. Qualified candidates of any nationality are invited to apply.

Postdoctoral program and eligibility requirements: fellowships will be awarded to researchers at the beginning of their academic careers; for the current admission cycle, these two postdoctoral fellowships will be in the disciplines of History of Science and Medieval Studies. To be eligible for postdoctoral fellowships in the 2022 competition, applicants must have received their PhD degree after 1 July 2020 and before 1 September 2022. Stipends for postdoctoral fellows will generally be set at \$72,000 for the full academic year.

Funding for Members comes from a variety of sources. The Center for Spain in America supports one John Elliott Member pursuing research in the history and culture of Early Modern Spain. The Patricia Crone membership supports one scholar working in the field of Near Eastern Studies. The Edward T. Cone membership annually supports one scholar in Music Studies. A Gerda Henkel membership will be offered to one scholar from the European Union, and there are other named memberships that are not tied to any specific field or nationality. Some Members will also be supported by the Institute's own endowment or through foundation grants. The School also welcomes scholars sponsored by the ACLS through the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowships for recently tenured professors. (To apply, see: www.acls.org/programs/burkhardt/.) Specific sources of funding will be determined after scholars have been selected.



Deadline: Completed membership applications must be submitted by October 15, 2022.

Further information and membership application materials may be found on the School's web site, www.hs.ias.edu.

(Updated application materials for the 2023-2024 academic year will be posted there in early June.)

Inquiries may be sent by email to the Administrative Officer at hsappquery@ias.edu or by post to: School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, 1 Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540