

## Jacob K. Javits Fellowships Program

This program provides fellowships to students of superior academic ability—selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise—to undertake study at the doctoral and Master of Fine Arts level in selected fields of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

### Eligibility (at time of application).

- Be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National, a permanent resident of the U.S., in the U.S. for other than a temporary purpose and intending to become a permanent resident, or a citizen of any one of the Freely Associated States.
- Have not completed their first full year of study for a doctoral degree or a master's degree in those fields in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree awarded in the selected field of study, or will be entering a doctoral degree program or a master's degree program in those fields in which the master's degree is the terminal highest degree awarded in the selected field of study in academic year 2008-2009
- are eligible to receive grant, loan, or work assistance pursuant to section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)
- Intend to pursue a doctoral or master's degree in fields selected by the JKV Fellowship Board at accredited U.S. institutions of higher education.

**Financial Aspects of Award.** Subject to the availability of funds, a fellow receives the Javits fellowship annually for up to the lesser of 48 months or the completion of their degree. The fellowship pays for the fellow's tuition and provides a stipend (based on the fellow's financial need as determined by the measurements of the Federal Student Assistance Processing System). In fiscal year 2007, the institutional payment was \$12,627 and the maximum stipend was \$30,000. These figures are estimates.

### Selection Criteria.

#### Humanities and social sciences:

- Statement of purpose (150 points)
- Letters of recommendation (100 points)
- Academic record (100 points)
- Scholarly awards/honors (50 points)

#### The arts

- Statement of purpose (100 points)
- Letters of recommendation (100 points)
- Academic record (50 points)
- Scholarly awards/honors (50 points)
- Supporting arts materials (100 points).

**Additional Requirements.** Applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) for the required field of study at the time the application packet is submitted.

**Application deadlines. Competitions are held annually. Applications for 2009 likely will be available in August 2008 with a closing date in early October 2008. For instructions on how to apply, visit the program's website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/applicant.html>  
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