

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Program

The Madison Foundation is committed to providing graduate training in American history, American government, and social studies education that will help our nation's teachers improve and perfect their professional skills by gaining content knowledge of the Constitution. The fellowships are intended exclusively for graduate study leading to a master's degree. James Madison Fellows may attend any accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

Eligibility.

- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national
- Be a teacher, or plan to become a teacher, of American history, American government, or social studies at the secondary school level (grades 7 – 12).
- Possess a bachelor's degree or plan to receive a bachelor's degree no later than August 31 of the year in which you are applying.
- Wait at least three years from the time that any previous graduate degree was awarded before applying for a James Madison Fellowship.

Financial Aspects of Award. The maximum amount of each award is \$24,000, prorated over the individual period of study. Fellowship payments cover the actual costs of tuition, required fees, books, and room and board but cannot exceed \$12,000 per academic year. Normally, Fellows receive less than these maximum amounts.

Types of Fellowships and duration.

- *Junior Fellowships* are awarded to students who are about to complete, or have completed, their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work on a full-time basis. Junior Fellows have two years to complete their degree.
- *Senior Fellowships* are awarded to teachers who wish to undertake work for a graduate degree on a part-time basis through summer and evening classes. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degree.

Additional Requirements.

- At least 12 semester credits (or 18 quarter credits) of constitutional study must be part of the Fellow's program. Six of these semester credits will be earned at Georgetown University by the Fellow at the Foundation's Summer Institute on the Constitution.
- After earning a master's degree, each James Madison Fellow must teach American history, American government, or social studies in grades 7-12 for no less than one year for each full academic year of study under the fellowship.

Application deadlines. Generally March 1 of each year. For detailed instructions on how to apply, visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.act.org/madison/>. Contact person: Tamara Hunt, Chair, Department of History, tlhunt@usi.edu.