



Walter H. Judd International Graduate & Professional Fellowships

2009-2010

Objectives

The Walter H. Judd International Graduate & Professional Fellowships are designed to support the continued internationalization of the University of Minnesota by providing critical assistance to students enrolled in master's and professional degree programs, and to increase opportunities for students to study, undertake internships, and conduct research projects abroad. A primary goal of the fellowships is to increase exposure to other cultures. The program especially encourages applications from students who have never traveled abroad.

Description of Award

Funding is provided by a generous gift from the Walter H. Judd Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation, private gifts, and additional funds from the Office of International Programs. Up to \$2,000 may be requested to support travel, living, and allied academic or professional expenses abroad. Awards may be used from May 2009 through April 2010. Projects should range in length from three weeks (21 days in country) to one year. (All other things being equal, students on longer programs will be given preference.)

If the primary program is less than the required 21 days in country, students must propose an additional two-week independently arranged academic experience. The fellowship also provides international medical insurance for all recipients for the duration of their project abroad.

It is anticipated that about 20 fellowships will be awarded this year.

Two types of awards are available:

Research awards support field research, archival research, or collaborative research and writing.

Internship/study awards support internships, language study, study abroad, or participation in an exchange,

group seminar, clinical experience, or practical training. Applicants participating in an organized group program must describe their individual goals or project.

Judd Fellowships support group program participation in a University of Minnesota study seminar only if the applicant proposes a two-week independently arranged academic internship or research project following the group experience.

Eligibility

Students must be enrolled in a master's or professional degree program at the University of Minnesota at the time of application and be enrolled for at least one semester after completion of the project. Students who will have completed required credits for the degree before undertaking the international project are not eligible for the award. (Students enrolled in one-year master's degree programs may have the return requirement waived. Waivers of the return requirement for other students will be considered on a case-by-case basis.) Former Judd recipients are not eligible.

Applicants may be citizens of any country. Since a primary goal is to expand international experiences, the fellowship is not intended to support projects in a student's home country; therefore, such applicants will need to make a very compelling case.

Deadlines

Completed applications are due in the Office of International Programs by **noon on February 9, 2009**. Awards will be announced by April 1, 2009.

Required Application Materials

1. Completed applications must include **5 collated copies** of each of the following:
 - Application form: must be downloaded, completed, and included in the application packet
 - Budget proposal: must be downloaded, completed, and included in the application packet
 - Project proposal: must be downloaded, completed, and included in the application packet
 - Biographical statement: must be downloaded, completed, and included in the application packet
 - Unofficial transcript of U of M graduate/professional degree coursework
 - Unofficial transcripts of other postsecondary study (if the coursework undertaken supports the proposed project in any way)
 - Letters of invitation or acceptance (five copies) from the foreign institution or organization with which applicant would be affiliated and any research clearances or permission required by the foreign government (if applicable)
2. Two letters of recommendation, along with the recommendation cover/waiver sheets: OIP will photocopy the letters. Letters may be sent via postal mail, fax, or hand delivered. ***One of the letters must be from the student's current academic adviser.***

Selection Criteria

Application review and selection of Judd Fellows will be conducted by a committee of University of Minnesota faculty and staff. Awards will be based on the following criteria:

- Strength of the overall academic record
- Cohesiveness and feasibility of the project proposal or research plan and the clarity with which it is conveyed to the non-specialist
- Extent to which the proposed project enhances the student's degree program/career objectives
- Extent to which the proposal increases exposure to other cultures
- Strength of the letters of recommendation
- Soundness of the budget request

Approved Destinations

Travel Warning List. Travel to countries on the U.S. State Department travel warning list requires approval from the University of Minnesota Education Abroad Suspension Committee. The travel warning list includes countries the State Department recommends that Americans avoid due to crime, health, instability, or extreme weather conditions. Warnings are updated as the conditions warrant; some countries have warnings for prolonged periods, and others reflect more temporary conditions. The list is available online at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/warnings_current.html

Since each student is responsible for building a case for travel to these countries, OIP urges early consultation before preparing the documents for consideration. The process for approval requires planning and a commitment to prepare a case. OIP can advise on the process and feasibility of the plan. Please contact Meaka Henningsen (612-626-9123) to discuss individual plans.

Travel to Cuba. The University of Minnesota has a license to authorize certain types of educational travel to Cuba. For initial information, please read OIP's website, then consult with Meaka Henningsen (612-626-9123) to discuss your individual plans. Cuba travel website: <http://www.international.umn.edu/travel/cuba/>

Fellowship Requirements

Fellowship recipients must submit either a research or internship/study report.

Research Report. The report should consist of a copy of the final product produced as a result of the research project, along with a cover letter (1 to 2 pages) outlining the experience abroad. If research is not complete, the student should submit a detailed report of the experience. The second option should include a description of activities, the impact of the experience on academic and professional goals, and a brief account of how the grant was spent, along with a list of other support received. The report should be 5 to 10 pages, double-spaced.

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Internship/Study Report. The report should include a description of activities or duties abroad and an evaluation of how closely the experience matched the student's expectations, an evaluation of the contribution made to the organization abroad and what was learned, and a brief account of how the grant was spent along with a list of other support received. The report should be 5 to 10 pages, double-spaced.

Reports should be submitted ***within two months of project completion*** to:

Office of International Programs
100 University International Center
331 17th Avenue Southeast
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Poster Session

All fellows are expected to share their experiences in a poster session in mid-October.

Eligibility Checklist

(See Eligibility section for details)

- Master's or professional degree student
- Return enrollment requirement of one semester after completion of project
- A minimum of 21 days in country
- Research clearance from the foreign government (if required)

Application Checklist

(See Required Application Materials section for details)

- Five collated copies of application, including: application form, budget proposal, project proposal, biographical statement, unofficial transcripts, and letters of invitation or acceptance from foreign institution (if applicable).
- One letter of recommendation from adviser, with the advisor recommendation cover/waiver sheet attached.
- One other letter of recommendation (not adviser) with recommender cover/waiver sheet attached.

Walter H. Judd

Walter H. Judd (1898-1994) was a physician who devoted his life to public service and international awareness. His first international experience came as a medical missionary in China from 1925 to 1931. After completing a surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Judd returned to China in 1934, where he supervised a 125-bed hospital in Shanxi Province. He returned to the United States in 1938 and lectured throughout the country on many international issues, including the crisis in the Far East and later the Marshall Plan.

Judd represented Minnesota in Congress from 1942 to 1962. He also served as the U.S. Delegate to the World Health Assemblies, the U.S. Delegate to the First Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the U.S. Delegate to the United Nations.

After his retirement from Congress, Judd maintained a rigorous speaking schedule, lecturing on public affairs, China, foreign policy, and religion and ethics.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/judd/about/>