



THE 2012
CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE
DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS



THE WOODROW WILSON
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ABOUT THE NEWCOMBE FELLOWSHIPS

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are designed to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. Proposals should have ethical or religious values as a central concern. Dissertations may consider any historical period, but should be concerned with continuing human problems and have contemporary relevance. For instance, previous awardees have addressed issues such as religious tolerance, human rights, spiritual beliefs in comparative perspective, justice, racial and gender equity issues as these are expressed through ethical or religious concerns.

Since the first round of competition in 1981, more than 1,000 Newcombe Fellows have been named. Fellows from early years of the program are now senior faculty at major research universities and selective liberal arts colleges, curators and directors at significant scholarly archives, and leaders and policymakers at nonprofit organizations and in cabinet-level government agencies. In the past decade, Newcombe Fellows have received national honors such as the MacArthur Fellowship, the Guggenheim Fellowship, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. For more information visit www.woodrow.org/newcombe.

THE NEWCOMBE FELLOWS AWARDS FOR 2012

The 2012 Newcombe Fellows will receive \$25,000 for 12 months of full-time dissertation writing. (No half-year or partial awards are allowed.) At least 21 non-renewable fellowships will be awarded to candidates selected from among more than 500 applicants. Graduate schools will be asked to waive tuition for Newcombe Fellows.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships must be doctoral candidates at the writing stage of their dissertation for Ph.D. or Th.D. degrees in any field of study at graduate schools in the United States. Candidates must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements, including approval of the dissertation proposal, by November 15, 2011. Fieldwork or other research must be complete and writing begun by the time of the award. Candidates should expect to complete their dissertation between April and August 2013. Applicants with D.Min., law, Psy.D. and other professional degrees are not eligible. Applicants who have held a similar national award for dissertation writing, such as an ACLS, Ford, Pew, Spencer, MacArthur, Whiting, Mellon, or AAUW fellowship, are not eligible. Anyone who has applied in a previous year, whether successful or not, is ineligible. To learn more visit, http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/eligibility.php.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be filed electronically and are available online at www.woodrow.org/newcombe. Components of the online application include an abstract (maximum of 200 words); a short statement explicating the project's relevance to religious and ethical values; a dissertation proposal no longer than six pages, double-spaced (approximately 2,000 words) that outlines the project and also discusses its relevance to religious and ethical inquiry; a two-page selected bibliography; and a timetable for completion. In addition to the online application, a graduate transcript from the applicant's Ph.D. institution, as well as a master's degree institution transcript where relevant, is required. Three letters of recommendation—one from the dissertation director and two from other faculty members—must be separately submitted. As reapplications are not permitted, it is wise not to apply prematurely. Applications will be judged on originality, significance to questions of religious and ethical values, scholarly validity, the applicant's academic preparation and ability to accomplish the work, and time to completion. To learn more visit, http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/application.php.

CONDITIONS

Newcombe Fellows may not accept other awards which provide similar benefits, including fellowships such as the ACLS, Ford, Pew, Spencer, MacArthur, Whiting, Mellon, or AAUW fellowship. In rare cases, with the written permission of the Newcombe Fellowship Program Officer, the Newcombe award may be combined with another award that offers some benefit uniquely significant to the Fellow's project (for instance, access to international archives), provided that the funding associated with the award in question does not exceed a set increment of Newcombe Fellowship funding. Fellows may undertake no more than six hours of paid work a week during the tenure of the Fellowship and only with the written permission of the Program Officer.



DATES AND DEADLINES

- ▲ All applications and supporting documents must be received by **November 15, 2011**.
- ▲ Notification of awards will be made in April 2012.
- ▲ Award tenure begins in September 2012.



SELECTION COMMITTEES

Newcombe Fellows are selected in two stages. The Preliminary Selection Committee is comprised of noted scholars from a wide range of fields who review applications and choose the finalists in the competition. The Final Selection Committee is an interdisciplinary committee comprised of scholars in fields such as Religion/Divinity, Anthropology, History, and Philosophy. These committee members make final determinations based on the overall quality of the proposal, originality, significance to questions of religious and ethical values, scholarly validity, the applicant's academic preparation and ability to accomplish the work, and whether the dissertation will be completed within the time period of the tenure of the award. For more information, visit http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/religion_ethics/committee.php.

THE NEWCOMBE FELLOWSHIP AND THE WOODROW WILSON NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation administers the Newcombe Fellowship competition at the request of and in consultation with the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, a private foundation created under the will of Philadelphia philanthropist Mrs. Newcombe, who died in 1979. In addition to the Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships, the Newcombe Foundation funds three college scholarship programs: for physically disabled students, for returning women students, and for minority or economically disadvantaged students attending a small number of colleges related to the Presbyterian Church.

For more than sixty years, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has sought to identify and develop America's best minds for its most essential professions. Particularly concerned with historically disadvantaged populations, the Foundation seeks to address the nation's most urgent educational problems, champion academic excellence, and expand educational opportunity.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Please visit www.woodrow.org/newcombe and review the information provided—including the FAQ and Eligibility Application Information. If after reviewing these pages you have further questions, please contact Susan Billmaier, Program Officer, by email at Billmaier@woodrow.org.

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