



# JAMES BRYANT CONANT FELLOWSHIPS

for Boston and Cambridge Public School Teachers and Administrators

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is the application procedure for Conant Fellowships?**

On applying for admission to a program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, qualified applicants submit separate applications for the Conant Fellowship. Although some materials are similar, applicants should collect all Conant materials into one packet and submit the complete set of materials directly to the Fellowship Office.

### **May I apply online?**

Not at this time. However, the 2008-2009 application and information on how to proceed is available for downloading on the HGSE website at:

[http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/financial\\_aid/fellowships/meritbased.html](http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/financial_aid/fellowships/meritbased.html).

Printed copies may also be obtained from the Fellowship/Financial Aid Offices.

### **May I use the same copy of my transcripts for the Conant which I submitted to the Admissions Office?**

No. You will need to obtain separate transcripts for both applications.

### **Am I required to use the same recommenders for the Conant Fellowship who support my application to the School of Education?**

No. Most applicants do, but should you wish to present a reference from another source, you may.

### **Must I ask my recommenders to submit a hard copy of their references as well as the online version they submit to support my application to HGSE?**

Yes. Ask each of your recommenders to print a hard copy of his or her reference on letterhead and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal.

### **Is an interview with the Conant review committee required?**

No.

### **Is February 1, 2008 the literal, or the postmark deadline?**

The postmark deadline.

### **When are decisions about the Conant awards available?**

Shortly after HGSE admission decisions are mailed, all candidates whose Conant applications are reviewed will be notified of the outcome by letter.

### **If I am awarded a Conant Fellowship, may I study part-time?**

Yes, but you must follow the guidelines set forth for part-time study at HGSE.

### **If I applied for a Conant Fellowship previously but was not awarded, may I re-apply? Will my earlier application hurt my chances of being awarded now?**

You may apply again. Be aware that *incoming applicants are given priority in the review process*. Be sure to update your application to reflect new achievements and activities and any changes in your academic and personal goals. *A revised or new Statement of Purpose is required.*



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**I teach in a charter school. May I apply for a Conant Fellowship?**

No. Only teachers or administrators with permanent or professional status who are under contract with either the Boston or Cambridge public school systems are eligible to apply.

**What does “professional” or “permanent” status mean?**

“Professional” or “permanent” status refers to tenure in your job, as defined by your school system. Check with your union president for specifics.

**If I am under contract in either public school system but my position is not strictly defined as teaching or administrative, am I eligible to apply?**

Probably so, but check with your union president and/or the school system to find out before you apply. At the same time, please let the HGSE Fellowship Office know of your situation as well.

**Where can I get more information about the fellowships?**

Your union office or school system’s administrative office can assist you. You may also contact Tina Hansar at the HGSE Fellowship Office (617-495-3416 or [tina\\_hansar@harvard.edu](mailto:tina_hansar@harvard.edu)).

**Where can I find information about other fellowships and scholarships?**

See the HGSE Fellowship Office web page at [http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/financial\\_aid/fellowships/office.html](http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/financial_aid/fellowships/office.html)

**Where do I submit my Conant application packet?**

Conant application packets should be sent or delivered to the following address:

HGSE Financial Aid Office  
ATTN: CONANT  
13 Appian Way  
Longfellow Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone: 617-495-3416

Email: [tina\\_hansar@harvard.edu](mailto:tina_hansar@harvard.edu) or [gsefinaid@harvard.edu](mailto:gsefinaid@harvard.edu)