

JAMES BRYANT CONANT FELLOWSHIPS: FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

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 with 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.

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 similar but separate applications for the Conant Fellowships. (See next answer.)

May I apply online?

Not at this time. However, the 2006–2007 application and *information on how to proceed* is available for downloading on the HGSE website at

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/~finaid/fellowship.html>.

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

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.

Is an interview with the Conant review committee required?

No.

Is **FEBRUARY 3, 2006 the literal, or the postmark deadline?**

The postmark deadline.

When are decisions about the Conant awards available?

Shortly after HGSE admission decisions are mailed out, all candidates whose Conant applications were reviewed are 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 new 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.

Where can I get more information about the fellowships?

Your union office or school system's administrative office can assist you. You may also get in touch with Kenje Ogata (617-496-2805) at the Fellowship Office, or e-mail her at kenje_ogata@gse.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/fellowoffice.html>.

Where do I submit my Conant application packet?

Conant application packets should be sent or delivered to the

HGSE Fellowship Office
13 Appian Way ~ 108 Longfellow Hall
Cambridge, MA 02138
tel: 617-496-2805
e-mail: kenje_ogata@gse.harvard.edu, or,
gsefinaid@harvard.edu (subject line: "CONANT")