JAMES BRYANT CONANT FELLOWSHIPS
for Boston and Cambridge Public School Teachers and Administrators

Overview

ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

In 1986, to celebrate its 350th anniversary, Harvard established the James Bryant Conant Fellowship Fund to help outstanding teachers and administrators from the Boston and Cambridge Public Schools who wish to pursue additional studies and to seek new skills for a changing environment. Selection of fellows is based on both academic and professional achievement.

The Conant Fellowships are full-tuition awards; the number of fellowships offered is determined annually. Awards are announced at the time admission decisions have been sent to applicants or soon thereafter.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Teachers or administrators who are currently working under contract with the Boston or Cambridge Public Schools are eligible for review for a Conant Fellowship upon admission to a full- or part-time degree program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Candidates must have a commitment to public education and demonstrate leadership potential. Candidates should check with their union presidents to determine details of professional or permanent status eligibility requirements. Conant Fellows are required to continue working in their school systems for one year after receiving the advanced degree.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Conant application process is separate from the HGSE admission process, though many of the required application documents are the same. To be considered for the fellowship, all candidates must submit separate copies of some admission application documents, transcripts, and letters of recommendation, and the Conant Fellowship Cover Form to the Financial Aid Office. Candidates who have applied previously or who deferred admission must re-apply for this fellowship for the appropriate year.

REVIEW AND SELECTION

The Conant Fellowship Review Committee is comprised of faculty from HGSE, and officers from the Boston and Cambridge school system administrations and teachers’ unions, respectively. After HGSE admission decisions have been made, the committees meet to review the completed Conant applications of candidates who have been admitted to HGSE programs.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 7, 2020

SUBMISSION ADDRESS: HGSE Financial Aid Office, 13 Appian Way, Longfellow Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138
ATTN: Conant Fellowship

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HGSE Admissions http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/
Financial aid and budgeting information http://www.gse.harvard.edu/financialaid/
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Application Instructions

1) Application for a Conant Fellowship must be submitted separately from and in addition to application to the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

2) All Conant materials should be submitted as a single packet to the HGSE Financial Aid Office.

3) A complete Conant application consists of the following items:
   - Conant Fellowship Cover Form (attached)
   - Statement of Purpose
     a) New HGSE applicants submit HGSE admission statement of purpose
     b) Applicants who are continuing HGSE students (began study before September 2018) should submit an updated statement of purpose which reflects progress since admission. Statement should not exceed 1500 words.
   - Resume or curriculum vita
   - Three (3) letters of recommendation, sent directly to the applicant by the recommenders. The unopened envelopes must be sealed and signed across the seals. Applicants may use the same recommenders who supported application for admission to HGSE or solicit letters from others. (Note: continuing GSE students may submit only 2 recommendations, at least one of which must be from an HGSE faculty member)
   - Transcripts of all previous academic course work (unofficial copies are accepted). These transcripts are in addition to the copies included with the HGSE Admissions Application and should be sent directly to applicants by each academic institution attended. (Note: continuing GSE students may submit only the copy of their current HGSE transcript)

4) Submit complete application packet by February 7, 2020 to:
   HGSE Financial Aid Office
   ATTN: Conant Fellowship
   13 Appian Way
   Longfellow Hall G049
   Cambridge, MA 02138
PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOU:

☐ I am under contract to the Boston, Massachusetts public school system and I have permanent status as a teacher or administrator as required by my school system for Conant Fellowship eligibility. (Please contact your union president for details.)

☐ I am under contract to the Cambridge, Massachusetts public school system I have professional status as a teacher or administrator as required by my school system for Conant Fellowship eligibility. (Please contact your union president for details.)

Name: ____________________________________________

Last name __________________________ First Name __________________________

Local address: ____________________________________________

Street __________________________ Phone __________________________

City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip code __________________________

Permanennt address: ____________________________________________

Street __________________________ Phone __________________________

City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip code __________________________

E-mail address(es): ____________________________________________

Number of years with current school system: ____________________________

School where you work now: ____________________________________________

School Name __________________________ Position or Title __________________________

School Address __________________________ Phone __________________________

HGSE degree and program: ____________________________________________

Degree __________________________ Full-time or part-time? __________________________ Year of study __________________________

Degree program __________________________

How did you learn about the Conant Fellowship?: ____________________________________________

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