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**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
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**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, 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 teacher's 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 17, 2023**

SUBMISSION ADDRESS: HGSE Financial Aid Office via e-mail to [finaid@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:finaid@gse.harvard.edu)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Conant FAQs.....<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/financialaid/documents/finaid-conant-faqs.pdf>

HGSE Admissions.....<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/admissions/>

Financial aid and budgeting information.....<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/financialaid/engage>

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## Application Instructions

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- 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 via e-mail, unless otherwise noted.
- 3) A complete Conant application consists of the following items:
  - Conant Fellowship Cover Form (below)
  - Statement of Purpose
    - a) New HGSE applicants submit HGSE admission statement of purpose
    - b) Applicants who are continuing HGSE students (began study before August 2023) should submit an updated statement of purpose which reflects progress since admission. Statement should not exceed 1500 words.
  - Resume or curriculum vita
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation sent directly via e-mail to the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:finaid@gse.harvard.edu) by the recommenders. Please instruct recommenders to include "Conant Fellowship Recommendation- <Your Name>" in the subject line of their e-mail. Applicants may use the same recommenders who supported application for admission to HGSE or solicit letters from others (Note: continuing HGSE students must include one recommender that is a HGSE faculty member).
- 4) Submit complete application packet by February 17, 2023 to HGSE Financial Aid via e-mail to [finaid@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:finaid@gse.harvard.edu), including "Conant Fellowship" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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## Application Cover Sheet 2023 - 2024

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip code Cell phone

**E-mail address(es):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of years with current school system:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School where you work now:** \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name Position or Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address Phone

**Name of Recommender 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender 1 E-mail Address(es):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Recommender 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender 2 E-mail Address(es):** \_\_\_\_\_

**HGSE degree and program:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Full-time or part-time study? Year of study

\_\_\_\_\_  
Degree program

**How did you learn about the Conant Fellowship?:** \_\_\_\_\_

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