The Mellon-Hawai'i Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Program Description and Requirements: Academic Year 2010-2011

About the Fellowship Program

The Mellon-Hawai'i Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is designed for Native Hawaiian scholars early in their academic careers and others, who are committed to the advancement of knowledge about the Hawaiian natural and cultural environment, Hawaiian history, politics, and society.

Through the Mellon-Hawai'i Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship program, doctoral fellows will be given the opportunity to complete their dissertations before accepting their first academic posts. Postdoctoral fellows will be given the opportunity to publish original research early in their academic careers.

Application Deadline and Notification Date

E-mail PDF of completed application by **5:00 p.m. Hawai'i time, February 15, 2010**; mail CD/DVD copy with reference letters (postmarked**) by 5:00 p.m. your local time, February 15, 2010.** Award notifications will be made by Monday, April 5, 2010.
For information, contact The Kohala Center at kednie@kohalacenter.org or at 808-887-6411.

Levels of Support

Doctoral Fellows will receive $40,000 in support during the fellowship period (September through June). Postdoctoral Fellows will receive $50,000 in support during the fellowship period (September through June). As a token of appreciation, mentors will each receive an honorarium in the amount of $3,000.

Selection Criteria

While Native Hawaiian scholars in programs granting the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or who have earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in any field in the arts and sciences may apply, successful candidates will be those:

- who demonstrate scholarly and leadership promise;
- whose research involves the Hawaiian natural or cultural environment, Hawaiian history, politics, and society;
- who have had a history of service to the Hawaiian community and to society as a whole; and
- who reside in or whose research requires extended periods of time in Hawai'i.

Native Hawaiian scholars in any residential or external degree program of a fully accredited U.S.-based institution, or institutions abroad, such as the native university system in Aotearoa (New Zealand), are eligible.

Selection Committee

The Kohala Center will be assisted in selecting successful candidates for the Mellon-Hawai'i Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program by a distinguished panel of senior scholars and *kūpuna*:

- Panel Chair, Mr. Robert Lindsey, Member, Board of Directors, The Kohala Center; and Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Panel Executive Advisor, Dr. Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Director, Public Education Support Division, the Kamehameha Schools
- Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, Executive Director, Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center; and Professor Emeritus, Cornell University
- Dr. Pualani Kanahele, Distinguished Professor, Hawai'i Community College; *kumu hula*, Halau O Kekuhi; and Member, Board of Directors, the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation
- Dr. James Kauahikaua, Scientist-in-Charge, U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

Program Requirements

Successful candidates are required to commit themselves to their writing projects on a full-time basis during the fellowship period. Candidates are required to attend all retreats scheduled to be held on the Island of Hawai'i:

- Opening retreat: July 29, 30, 31, & August 1, 2010
- Scholarly presentation: November 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2010
- Closing retreat: July 28, 29, 30, & 31, 2011

Mentors are required to be at the opening retreat in July and August 2009 and the scholarly presentation in November 2009 and are most welcome to attend the closing retreat in July 2010. Travel and per diem will be provided for mentors, as well as fellows.

Mentors are expected to be experts in the fellows' fields of research and should be willing to work with the fellows to:

- complete their writing project,
- help fellows gain access to scholarly and professional networks, especially to publishing circles,
- and, finally, to help fellows establish a firm footing in their new academic careers.

Mentors are further expected to have attained senior status in their fields of expertise. Mentors are usually tenured and experienced in leadership positions in scholarly or professional societies.

Fellows and mentors are required to attend a professional conference of their choosing together. Each fellow and each mentor will receive $1,500 in support toward conference expenses. This support is in addition to fellows' stipends and mentors' honoraria.

Fellows are expected to spend full-time on their writing projects, thus they cannot be employed or accept employment during the fellowship period.

Preparing for the Fellowship Program

Doctoral candidates will be expected to have collected data and to have completed initial analyses or interpretations by the time the fellowship program begins. Postdoctoral candidates will be expected to have publications in mind and thought out (including the identification of prospective publishers, journals or book publishers) by the time the fellowship program begins. Candidates should understand that the November scholarly presentation is scheduled earlier in the fellowship year, so that fellows can receive early feedback for their work. For doctoral fellows, the presentation should prepare them for "job talks" that occur in the fall, winter, and early spring of the academic year.

The application process itself allows candidates to think through their readiness to commit a full academic year to their writing project and to establish successful working relationships with their mentors.