Dear Colleague:

The Society of Fellows is now receiving nominations for three-year Junior Fellowships beginning July 1, 2018. The enclosed leaflet explains the purpose and scope of the fellowships and the current rules for their administration. Men and women interested in any field of study are eligible for these fellowships; they should be of the highest calibre of intellectual achievement, i.e. comparable to the most successful candidates for junior faculty positions at leading universities.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 11th. (No nomination will be accepted with a postmark past the deadline; an emailed nomination will not be accepted. You may, however, fax your nomination letter and form to 617-495-2645 and follow up by mailing the original hard copy.) A nomination sent in April, May or June is most beneficial to your candidate because it will allow plenty of time for submission of work and will avoid missing the early deadline of August 11th. Please mail or express mail your recommendation letter along with the nomination form enclosed, listing the names of three additional referees who are prepared to write letters and submit them electronically, at the latest, by mid-September. Upon receipt of your nomination, we shall contact the candidate, requesting samples of work, and the referees, asking them for letters of recommendation by a specified date. Please note: the Society will request that the letters of recommendation and candidate materials be submitted electronically - not by email, but through a link we will provide in our correspondence with them. After receipt of the nomination form, the three referees and candidate will be contacted by our office both by regular mail and email. (This is why full and accurate email addresses are necessary to process your nomination.) In our email to the referees and candidate, full instructions for uploading will be provided to each, along with a password to enter the secure site.

The Society has always sought the best possible candidates at an early stage of their scholarly careers, regardless of their fields, and is looking for only truly extraordinary scholars since in all fields combined the selection generally is limited to twelve. These prize fellowships are especially useful for able scholars who plan to work in fields traditionally kept apart in graduate instruction. No rigid formula governs our choice, but we expect that candidates will have completed their routine training for advanced study and will be far along in the dissertation stage, able to submit samples of independent work (e.g. articles, papers, dissertation chapters) in support of their candidacies. (If still pursuing the Ph.D., Junior Fellows should be prepared to finish their degrees within a year of becoming fellows. If already a recipient of the degree, they should not be more than one year past the Ph.D. at the time the fellowship commences. Most Junior Fellows receive the Ph.D. just prior to the start of the fellowship.)

The Senior Fellows take particular pleasure in having an opportunity to elect candidates from universities other than Harvard.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Gilbert
Chair
THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The purpose of the Society is to give men and women at an early stage of their scholarly careers an opportunity to pursue their studies in any department of the University, free from formal requirements. They must be persons of exceptional ability, originality, and resourcefulness, and should be of the highest calibre of intellectual achievement, comparable to successful candidates for junior faculty positions at leading universities. These Junior Fellows are selected by the Senior Fellows, who with the President and Provost of the University, and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (Senior Fellows, ex officio), administer the Society. Those elected receive three-year fellowships.

The Society was organized in 1933 under the terms of a gift from A. Lawrence Lowell, then President Emeritus of Harvard. This gift was made in memory of Mr. Lowell’s wife and is known as the Anna Parker Lowell Fund. Mr. Lowell was convinced of the value of informal discussions between scholars in different academic fields. Hence, from the time of its foundation, the Senior and Junior Fellows have met for dinner every Monday night during term-time; they are frequently joined by visiting scholars. Junior Fellows also lunch together twice a week.

To be eligible for a Junior Fellowship, a candidate must be at an early stage of his or her scholarly career. Men and women interested in any field of study are accepted. Most Junior Fellows receive the Ph.D. just prior to the start of the fellowship. If still pursuing the Ph.D., Junior Fellows should be at the dissertation stage of their theses and be prepared to finish their degrees within a year of becoming fellows. If already a recipient of the degree, they should not be much more than one year past the Ph.D. at the time the fellowship commences.

The number of Junior Fellows at any one time normally is limited to thirty-six, and usually twelve are chosen each year. The term of appointment is three years, and no extensions are granted. During the academic year, Junior Fellows are required to reside in Cambridge or close-by neighboring communities and to regularly attend all of the weekly lunches and dinners. Junior Fellows are expected to work full-time in the office or lab space provided to them by the University during term-time. Junior Fellows are not subject to examination, are not required to make reports, receive no credit for courses, and may not be candidates for any degree other than the Ph.D. Those who are still pursuing the Ph.D. should have completed their routine training for advanced work and should be well along in the writing of their theses before becoming fellows. They may complete the writing of their theses and proceed to such final or special examinations as the universities of their candidacies may require, and may be granted the degree of Ph.D.
Nomination Form

All information requested below, including full and accurate email addresses, must be complete in order to process the nomination.

*The nominator's letter of recommendation should be attached to this form.*

Name of Nominator: ____________________________________________________________

Department: ___________________________ Institution: ____________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Tel. No.: (______) Email: ____________________________________________

Please circle: Dr./Mr./Ms.

Name of Nominee: __________________________________________________________

Current Residential Address: ________________________________________________

Tel. No.: (______) Email: ____________________________________________

Field of Study: __________________________________________________________

Other References: Please list the names and complete contact information for three additional people who have agreed to write letters and upload them to our website by the date requested when they are contacted by the Society. Uploading instructions will follow in the Society's correspondence sent to the referee.

(1) __________________________________________ Email: ________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________ Tel.: ________________________

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(2) __________________________________________ Email: ________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________ Tel.: ________________________

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(3) __________________________________________ Email: ________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________ Tel.: ________________________

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Nomination forms should be mailed to the above address by Friday, August 11, 2017 but preferably before the end of June 2017.

*No nomination will be accepted with a postmark past the deadline.*

*For those nominations sent by fax, a hard copy must be postmarked by the deadline above.*

*Nominations will not be accepted by email.*