Fellowships for Scholars
Academic Year 2012-2013

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
Applications must be submitted through the online application system, available at www.sss.ias.edu/applications

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Theme 2012-13: ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Economic and political matters are obviously closely connected. Indeed, the disciplines of economics and political science have their common origin in the field of political economy, which was premised on this inter-relationship. For many decades, however, each discipline took rather little notice of the other; the subjects evolved in more-or-less parallel universes. That has changed in recent years, which have seen a renaissance in the study of economics and politics together. Thus, for example, scholars have been investigating how political alignments induce and constrain economic policy—and, conversely, how economic conditions shape the growth of political movements and coalitions. We anticipate assembling a diverse group of eight to twelve scholars to examine positive issues like these, as well as normative questions, such as which political systems best promote economic welfare. We are also interested in research on the history of political economy and political economists, the theories advanced in that field and their pertinence to what counts as political economy today.

Funding for Members Stipends are individually negotiated, taking into account the applicant’s base salary and the level of sabbatical and other grant support he or she can secure. In setting compensation, the School attempts to provide half of the current academic base salary for all Members, up to a maximum of $65,000.

In the upcoming academic year, the Institute will again take part in a program sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies: the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowships. These fellowships support more adventurous, more wide-ranging and longer-term patterns of research than are current in the humanities and related social sciences. Applicants must submit to ACLS a research plan typically covering a 3-5 year period, during which time one year could be spent as a Member at the Institute, either in the School of Historical Studies or the School of Social Science. Qualified candidates who would like to apply for affiliation with either School of the Institute for Advanced Study under the auspices of this program should visit the ACLS website (www.acls.org).