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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

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the application procedure for Conant Fellowships?

After applying for admission to a program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, qualified applicants submit separate applications for the Conant Fellowship. Although some materials are similar, applicants should collect all Conant materials into one packet and submit the complete set of materials directly to the Financial Aid Office.

May I apply online?

Not at this time. However, the 2017-2018 application and information on how to proceed is available to download on the HGSE website at: <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/financialaid/fellowships-grants/merit-based>. Printed copies may also be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

May I use the same copy of my transcripts for the Conant that I submitted to the Admissions Office?

No. You will need to obtain separate transcripts for both applications- unofficial transcripts are accepted for the Conant Application.

Am I required to use the same recommenders for the Conant Fellowship who support my application to the School of Education?

No. Most applicants do, but you may present a reference from another source.

Must I ask my recommenders to submit a hard copy of their references as well as the online version they submit to support my application to HGSE?

Yes. Ask each of your recommenders to print a hard copy of his or her reference on letterhead and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal.

Is an interview with the Conant review committee required?

No.

Is February 10, 2017 the receipt, or the postmark deadline?

Applications must be received in the Financial Aid Office by February 10, 2017.

When are decisions about the Conant awards available?

Close to the time that HGSE admission decisions are mailed, all candidates whose Conant applications are reviewed will be notified of the outcome.



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If I am awarded a Conant Fellowship, may I study part-time?

Yes, but you must follow the guidelines for part-time study at HGSE.

If I applied for a Conant Fellowship previously but was not awarded, may I re-apply? Will my earlier application hurt my chances of being awarded now?

You may apply again. Be aware that *incoming applicants are given priority in the review process*. Be sure to update your application to reflect new achievements and activities and any changes in your academic and personal goals. *A revised or new Statement of Purpose is required.*

I teach in a charter school. May I apply for a Conant Fellowship?

No. Only teachers or administrators with permanent or professional status who are under contract with either the Boston or Cambridge public school systems are eligible to apply.

What does “professional” or “permanent” status mean?

“Professional” or “permanent” status refers to tenure in your job, as defined by your school system. Check with your union for specifics.

If I am under contract in either public school system but my position is not strictly defined as teaching or administrative, am I eligible to apply?

Probably, but check with your union president and/or the school system to find out before you apply. Please also let the HGSE Financial Aid Office know of your situation as well.

Where can I get more information about the fellowship?

Your union office or school system’s administrative office can assist you. You may also contact the HGSE Financial Aid Office (617-495-3416 or finaid@gse.harvard.edu).

Where can I find information about other fellowships and scholarships?

See the HGSE Financial Aid Office website at <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/financialaid>

Where do I submit my Conant application packet?

Conant application packets should be sent or delivered to the following address:

HGSE Financial Aid Office
Attn: Conant Fellowship
13 Appian Way
Longfellow Hall G049
Cambridge, MA 02138

Phone: 617-495-3416
Email: finaid@gse.harvard.edu