



**National Institutes of Health
DEWITT STETTEN, JR., MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP
IN THE HISTORY OF
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**

1999 Information for Applicants

Introduction

The DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Museum of Medical Research was established in 1986 as a part of the centennial observance of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the agency of the U.S. Federal Government that supports biomedical research. The Museum was named in honor of DeWitt Stetten, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., a physician, biochemist, and administrator who spent much of his career at NIH and who founded the Museum to preserve the instruments and technologies that facilitated discovery in the biomedical sciences during the twentieth century.

A "museum without walls," the Stetten Museum mounts exhibits in several buildings, especially in the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The Museum also serves as the NIH Historical Office, a component of the NIH Office of Communications.

Purpose of the fellowship program

The Stetten Fellowship seeks to encourage historical research and writing about biomedical

research and technology by providing a postdoctoral student, at the beginning stages of the professional career, with a year's research experience in residence at Museum offices on the NIH campus. The Stetten Fellow will also have access to the resources of the National Library of Medicine, to the collections of the Stetten Museum, and to the concentration of biomedical research scientists on the Bethesda campus. The Fellow will conduct research under the supervision of the Director of the Museum and will be expected to participate in historical and Museum activities on campus, including presentation of one or more seminars.

Qualifications

- Applicants who were awarded the Ph.D. within three years of the deadline submission date will receive preference over those more senior, as the purpose of the fellowship is to encourage junior scholars. Candidates nonetheless remain eligible if they received their Ph.D.s more than three years previously.
- In general, applicants are expected to come from programs in history, history of science, history of medicine, and history of technology, although candidates with backgrounds in other disciplines will not be automatically excluded.
- The program is open both to U.S. citizens and to foreign nationals. The latter must demonstrate fluency in English by submitting scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or its equivalent.
- Candidates must submit an application form, official transcripts of their graduate work, two letters of recommendation, and a narrative, not to exceed 1200 words (approximately 5 pages, double-spaced typescript), outlining the proposed research to be accomplished during the fellowship year. In evaluating applications, priority will be given to those related to the history of research programs sponsored by the NIH intramural programs and to those concerned with the emergence and impact of twentieth-century biomedical technologies.

Duration of fellowship

The Stetten Fellow will be supported in residence at the Stetten Museum for up to one year, with a minimum commitment of six months being required. The Fellow may compete with other applicants in the normal application process for an extension of the appointment, not to exceed two years total time.

The Stetten Fellowship is awarded to support a period of full-time research. Fellows will be expected to devote a minimum of 40 hours a week to their work.

Stipends

The annual stipend for the Stetten Fellow is based upon the stipend schedule for postdoctoral fellows participating in the NIH Intramural Research Training Award Program. This schedule

is subject to change under Federal guidelines. An updated statement of the range for award amounts is available through the NIH World Wide Web site at the following address:

<http://ohrm.cc.nih.gov/nihhrm/vfstip.html>

In general, the stipend for postdoctoral fellows with no experience beyond the Ph.D. falls in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000; with one to two years experience, \$26,500 to \$32,000; and with two to three years experience, \$28,000 to \$34,000.

The initial stipend check will be issued within two weeks following the Stetten Fellow's arrival at NIH and activation of the fellowship. Subsequent checks will be mailed monthly to the fellow's address or directly deposited to the fellow's bank account (preferred).

Fellows may acquire health insurance through the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, Inc. (FAES). Funds for individual or family low option health insurance, issued in the Fellow's name are provided in addition to the regular stipend. Fellows may arrange with FAES for the difference between low option coverage and other more expensive FAES coverage to be withheld from their stipend.

No dependent's allowance or travel allowances are provided in addition to the annual stipend.

Fellows who stay for less than one calendar year will have their stipends pro-rated for the period in which they are in residence.

Application procedures

Application procedures include preparation of a research proposal, submission of a curriculum vitae and official transcripts, and two letters from referees evaluating the research proposal. Details are in the application packet, available by writing to:

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