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*The* **PHI BETA KAPPA** *Society*  
Walter J. Jensen Fellowship

**Notes on Eligibility and Requirements:**

- The fellowship is intended primarily to help educators and researchers improve education in standard French language, literature, and culture and in the study of standard French in the United States. “Standard French” is defined to exclude a focus on Creole, Quebecois, and other dialects. Applicants may not be native speakers of French.
- Though applicants need not be members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, preference may be given to members and to educators teaching at the secondary level or above.
- The amount of the Fellowship is intended to help cover living expenses associated with six (continual) months of study in France. The Fellowship stipend was originally set in 1995 at \$10,000, to be adjusted for inflation. For 2023 the stipend was \$17,000. One-time, round-trip travel costs of the recipient will be covered as a separate expense and advanced in full by the Phi Beta Kappa Society. The recipient of the Jensen Fellowship takes responsibility for providing any other necessary supplementary income or savings to cover costs associated with the completion of study abroad for the six-month period of the Fellowship. Some additional support from the endowment is available for those who can demonstrate that they have one or more dependent children.
- The Fellow will submit reports every two months, in English and French describing progress made learning about the French language, literature, and culture. The course of study may be independent research or part of an accredited academic program. The Fellowship will conclude with the submission of a final report suitable for scholarly publication in a venue (such as *The French Review*, published by the American Association for Teachers of French). Phi Beta Kappa reserves the right to consider the report for excerpt or publication in *The Key Reporter* or on the Phi Beta Kappa website.

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