

The PHI BETA KAPPA *Society*

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The Norman G. Pauling Research Fellowship

for Early-Career Scholars

About the Fellowship

Established in 2023 by his wife Edith Pauling, this fellowship supports scholars in the liberal arts and sciences. The endowed gift generously gives the Society the opportunity to shape the award's focus. Currently, we have chosen to support early-career scholars whose work has relevance for our upcoming 250th anniversary in 2026.

Through the Fellowship, the Society seeks to support scholars as they develop into leaders whose voices forefront the liberal arts in national and international dialogues around the impact of higher education as a public good.

Fellowship Details

A total of four awards, each \$20,000, will support outstanding scholars whose work demonstrates the value of an arts and sciences education to individuals as well as local, national, and global communities.

Phi Beta Kappa believes that undergraduate study in the arts and sciences is both personally liberating and in broad service to humanity's freedom and growth. It is an education that prompts integration of multiple perspectives, prepares us to respond to ever-changing challenges, prompts individual and collective engagement, sustains democratic values and vibrant cultural institutions, and nurtures a love of lifelong learning.

The Pauling Research Fellowship will support scholarly work that exemplifies these values, raising public awareness of the essential contributions a liberal arts and sciences approach makes to our lives and our society.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Have earned a PhD or be ABD in any liberal arts and sciences field;
- Be a scholar at a PBK chapter institution in a liberal arts and sciences field with twelve or fewer years since completing their education;
- Complete the proposed work by September 1, 2025;
- Be available December 5, 2025, to present their scholarship at the launch of Phi Beta Kappa's 250th anniversary celebration in Williamsburg VA.

Research projects may be in the Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Mathematics. Preference will be given to scholarship that engages under-represented perspectives, involves student-faculty collaboration, and includes public-facing engagement.

Projects must accomplish **one or more** of the following goals:

1. Explore connections between the liberal arts and sciences and a vibrant democracy;
2. Illustrate how the liberal arts and sciences contribute to the public good;
3. Demonstrate the importance of integrating multiple perspectives to addressing intractable challenges;
4. Critically examine the Society's impact and its roles in U.S. history and culture.

APPLICATION

Please submit:

1. A research proposal, written for an audience of non-expert faculty peers, of no more than 2,000 words that:
 - Clearly identifies the topic or question being investigated;
 - Communicates the significance of the project to advancing understanding in the disciplinary field(s);
 - Makes clear how the work addresses goals 1-4 above;
 - Persuasively articulates the relevance of the topic or question to the liberal arts and sciences; and
 - Unambiguously demonstrates how the scholarly investigation is itself an example of a liberal arts and science approach

2. A budget of no more than one page (in addition to the word limit) including budgetary categories (e.g., faculty stipend; travel; field, studio, or laboratory expenditures) and a brief explanation of how the funds will be used (e.g., travel to archives in Atlanta and Washington, DC; payments to focus group participants; excavation tools for field work).
3. A CV up to two pages in length.

SUBMISSION

Please compile all materials, including page numbers, into a single PDF file. Title the PDF file using the following format: awardee's last name-Pauling (e.g., Smith-Pauling). Use the phrase Pauling Fellowship Application in the email subject line. Send the PDF file as an attachment to ExecutiveAssistant@pbk.org.

DEADLINE

May 15, 2024

CONTACT

Direct questions to Associate Secretary Amy Mulnix at **amulnix@pbk.org**.

FAQ

When will awardees be notified?

Notifications will be made in mid- to late-June 2024.

In what ways can undergraduates be involved?

As an advocate for excellence in undergraduate liberal arts and sciences education, Phi Beta Kappa encourages faculty to collaborate with students in their scholarly pursuits as appropriate. The award itself, however, will be paid to the awardee. The awardee may elect to make a student stipend part of their budget. The role, if any, of undergraduates in the project should be clearly explained in a paragraph of up to 100 words in addition to the 2000-word limit.

What is public good?

For this fellowship, Phi Beta Kappa defines public good as having benefit beyond those with expertise in the field. How does the scholarship work enrich the lives of the public, advancing the goal “to promote inquiry and advance the sum of human knowledge?”

Do awardees have to be members of Phi Beta Kappa?

No, awardees do not have to be members of Phi Beta Kappa. They do need to be employed by a college or university that has a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

What are examples of public-facing engagement?

To demonstrate the value of the liberal arts and sciences, Phi Beta Kappa is eager to engage the public in the products of the scholarship supported by the Pauling Research Fellowship. Examples of public-facing engagement include interactive websites, digital archives, regional or local community engagement, hosting a convening, and publication in non-technical venues.

Can the funds be used to support faculty salaries?

Yes, fellowship funds can be used to provide financial support to faculty. If a faculty stipend is included, an explanation of the details of compensation should be provided in the budget document.