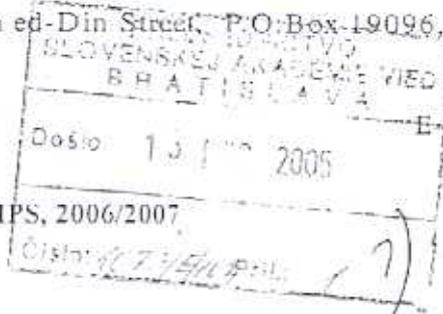


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MELLON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, 2006/2007

The Albright Institute

The W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem is the oldest American research center for ancient Near Eastern studies in the Middle East. Founded in 1900 as the American School of Oriental Research (ASOR), it was renamed in 1970 after its most distinguished director, William Foxwell Albright. Today, the Albright is one of three separately incorporated institutes affiliated with ASOR, the others being in Amman and Nicosia. Located 500 meters north of the old walled city of Jerusalem, it is within easy walking distance of the Ecole Biblique, the British, German and Spanish Schools of Archaeology, the Institute of Islamic Archaeology, Al-Quds University, the Hebrew Union College-Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, the Hebrew University, the Rockefeller Museum and the Israel Antiquities Authority. This grouping of scholarly resources is one of the heaviest concentrations of human, bibliographic and artifact resources in ancient Near Eastern Studies.

For more than 106 years, Albright/ASOR has provided students and scholars with an unparalleled international cultural environment and a unique program which spans the broad spectrum of Near Eastern studies. Each year, 50 Albright Fellows, primarily from the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia, as well as Israelis and Palestinians, exchange information and ideas with hundreds of local researchers as well as with visiting scholars from other countries of the eastern Mediterranean basin. Dedicated to the advancement of the study of the literature, history and culture of the ancient Near East, including the disciplines of the Archaeology of Palestine and Biblical Studies, the Albright continues to be a major research center and to strive for excellence in scholarship.

Now, as in the past, the Albright Institute provides a wide range of programs and facilities for doctoral and post-doctoral research, as well as an information sharing program and field work experience for more than 3,000 persons in Israel and for hundreds of others. These include an annual series of 80 lectures, reports, seminars, workshops, field trips, and social events. The Institute also supports 26 ASOR-affiliated excavation and publication projects, among which are Ashkelon, Caesarea, Sepphoris, and the Tel Miqne-Ekron project, jointly sponsored by the Albright and the Hebrew University. The Albright Institute has a publications program, a comprehensive research library, workshops, extensive computer facilities and living accommodations.

Mellon Research Fellowships

Funds for the fellowships have been provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and are administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers for the purpose of bringing East-Central European scholars of the humanities into a broader research community. The Albright is one of sixteen institutes of advanced study in Western Europe and the Middle East selected by the Mellon Foundation to participate in its fellowship program. Three three-month fellowships are available for tenure in 2006/2007 in any area falling within the interests of the Albright.

Eligibility

The fellowships are open to Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Rumanian and Slovak scholars. Candidates should not be permanently resident outside the nine countries concerned. Fellows should have obtained a doctorate by the time the fellowship is awarded.

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Fellows who have already held an award under this scheme are eligible for a second fellowship at any of the participating institutions. As the Albright program is conducted in English, a good command of spoken and written English is an essential requirement

Award

Each fellowship award is \$11,500. In making this award, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation intends that it should cover a stipend, including all living and subsistence costs; travel and shipping costs (including travel to and from Israel and other travel during the fellowship); health insurance; post-fellowship expenses (including acquisition of materials, subscriptions, hard- and soft-ware, membership and publication costs). Fellows are expected to reside at the Albright, if room is available.

Tenure:

Dates for 2006/2007 are: 1 September 2006 - 30 November 2006; 1 December 2006 - 28 February 2007; 1 March 2007 - 31 May 2007.

Selection:

Awards will be announced in May 2006. All candidates will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

General:

Fellows will be expected to participate in the academic program and collegial life of the Albright and to share the substance of their research in a seminar at the Institute. Fellows may teach elsewhere during the period of the fellowship only with the express permission of the Director. A brief written report will be required at the conclusion of the fellowship appointment as well as a two-page summary of a Fellow's research for publication in the Newsletter of the American Schools of Oriental Research. A fellowship may be terminated if the Albright Fellowship Committee is not satisfied that the conditions of the award are being met. All publications based on the research conducted with the aid of a Mellon Fellowship should contain an acknowledgement of this award.

Applications:

Application materials can be obtained from the Albright website: <http://www.aiar.org> or by contacting:

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Deadline: Applications must be received by Professor Branham at the above address by April 1, 2006.