

Application for:

The Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowships: *The Lemelson/SPA Fellows*

Description & Instructions:

Graduate students in the field of psychological anthropology are eligible to apply for research training awards: *The Lemelson/SPA Fellows*. These awards can be used for field research funding to encourage initial fieldwork, exploratory research for planning dissertation research, methods training to prepare for dissertation research, and pilot studies to prepare for more extensive research applications. **The research should further the intellectual goals of the field of psychological anthropology.** Normally, students will receive awards after their first year of graduate training, and prior to full dissertation fieldwork. If this graduate career track does not fit the student's circumstances, students can still apply, with an explanation of their situation. However, Lemelson/SPA funds may not be used to fund a portion of dissertation research. Students cannot receive more than one award.

All applicants must be student members of the SPA at the time of their application, and must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and during the period of the Fellowship. The faculty sponsor of the student will write a letter in support of the student's application. Normally, the faculty sponsor will also be the Chair of the student's graduate research advisory committee. Faculty sponsors must be members of the SPA at the time of the application. The Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowships will be awarded by a committee appointed by the President of the SPA, with the advice and approval of the Board of the SPA.

The application form is available to download from the SPA website, using the link to the The Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowships. **The deadline for applications for these awards for 2009 – 2010 is February 1st, 2010.** Mail or email as an attachment, the application to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SPA:

Prof. Ashley Maynard, Department of Psychology, University of Hawaii, Manoa, 2430 Campus Road Gartley #110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Lemelson/SPA Fellow awards will be available for applications in the Fall of 2009. Applications and sponsor recommendation forms can be downloaded from the SPA website:

<http://www.aaanet.org/SPA/index.htm>

Awards will be made in the Spring of 2010 for the second year of the program. It is expected that up to five awards will be made in each of the next two years, and that awards will be made in the range of \$5 - 7,000 each. Institutions where students are resident do not receive indirect costs; awards are made directly to students.

Students must file a brief report on the results of their fellowship, including receipts and expense reports, by January 15th, 2011. This report must be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SPA, Prof. Ashley Maynard, Department of Psychology, University of Hawaii, Manoa, 2430 Campus Road Gartley #110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. The report form can be downloaded from the SPA website.

Lemelson/SPA Fellows will be recognized at each SPA Biennial Meeting and at the SPA Business Meeting at the AAA each year. Fellowships will include partial support for travel and expenses to attend the AAA meeting and the SPA Biennial Meeting (if held in the year following the award), and applications should include \$600 in costs towards attendance at the AAA meetings (if there is no Biennial SPA meeting held in that year), or SPA Biennial Meeting (if held that year).

Application Form
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Name _____

Institution & Address _____

Home Address _____

Current year and graduate school status _____

Current Graduate advisory committee (Names): _____

Other current graduate school support and dates (fellowships, research grants, research assistantships, etc.)

Fellowship research sponsor writing a letter of recommendation (normally, your graduate committee chair):

Name _____

Address _____

(You must provide the sponsor with the letter of recommendation form which should be downloaded from the SPA website link, along with an envelope to submit the letter. You must complete the top form of the letter before giving the letter to the faculty member.)

Please describe the research that you will carry out with support from the Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowships. **Your proposal should demonstrate how your research program will further the intellectual goals of the field of psychological anthropology.** There is a two-page, single-space limit for your research project description.

Please prepare a budget with a brief budget description justification. There is a one-page limit for your budget and justification. Your budget can include travel, fieldwork expenses such as your per diem, housing, participant fees and gifts, supplies, and other reasonable and justified expenses. Your budget must include support for participation in either the AAA meetings or SPA Biennial meetings in the year following your research, up to \$600; this should be listed as a single item in your budget. The Lemelson/SPA Student Fellowships do not cover tuition and fees, consultants, or equipment purchases. The maximum award amount is \$7,000.

Recommender: Please complete the following and mail this form with your narrative evaluation to Prof. Ashley Maynard, Department of Psychology, University of Hawaii, Manoa, 2430 Campus Road Gartley #110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Please use a separate page to provide the SPA review committee with an evaluation letter. Evaluate the importance of the work and the quality of the applicant, and the likelihood that the award will lead to a stronger dissertation. **These awards are specifically intended to further research in psychological anthropology; how will this student and his/her project further the intellectual goals of the field of psychological anthropology?** Describe the circumstances under which you have come to know about the applicant's academic potential: you may wish to discuss the applicant's unique academic strengths, success in meeting degree progress timelines, professional accomplishments to date, and career goals. Does the applicant have other funding (other funding does not preclude making an SPA award, but provides a sense of the applicant's additional fellowship-seeking skills and success)?

Overall Recommendation: Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of this applicant for a Lemelson/SPA Student Fellow Award by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

Truly Exceptional (Top 1%) _____	Excellent (Top 5%) _____
Very Good (Top 10%) _____	Good (Top 25%) _____
Average (Top 50%) _____	Below Average (Lower 50%) _____

Recommender's Signature _____

Position or Title _____ Date _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Thank you, on behalf of the Lemelson/SPA Student Fellow program, and the SPA!