

## **RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION**

112 East 64th Street  
New York, New York 10065

### **VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

The Russell Sage Foundation annually awards up to 19 residential fellowships to selected scholars in the social sciences, who are at least several years beyond the Ph.D. The award allows these Visiting Scholars to pursue their research and writing at the Foundation for a period of up to 10 months. Visiting Scholar positions begin September 1 and ordinarily run through June 30th. Each scholar is provided with an office at the Foundation, research assistance, computer and library facilities, salary support for the academic year of up to \$110,000 when unavailable from other sources and, for scholars outside the greater New York City area, a subsidized apartment nearby the Foundation offices.

Application to the program can be made by completing a brief questionnaire and writing a four-to-five page letter describing the project to be undertaken while in residence at the Foundation. An up-to-date CV should accompany the letter, but papers and recommendations should not be included. All applications are reviewed by outside experts selected by the Foundation and final decisions are made by a sub-committee of the Russell Sage Board of Trustees. The deadline for applications is **September 30<sup>th</sup>** of the year prior to the desired year of residence. Decisions are ordinarily announced in March. Acceptances cannot be deferred to subsequent years.

The selection of Visiting Scholars is based upon an individual's demonstrated record of accomplishment, the merit of the applicant's proposed project, and its relevance to the Foundation's declared mission to contribute to "the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States." This consideration ordinarily rules out applications based upon studies of other countries unless they are part of an explicitly comparative project aimed at elucidating conditions in the U.S. Preference is given to proposals connected to RSF's current programs and initiatives, although the Foundation also invites several scholars every year whose projects are less immediately connected to the Foundation's current activities and may therefore lead us to consider new topics and approaches in the future. A special effort is made to include promising younger scholars and mix together representatives of a variety of social science disciplines in each cohort accepted into the program. The fellowship year is designed to give scholars time to analyze data and write about the results of their research. It is not intended as an opportunity to collect new data.

The Foundation welcomes groups of two or more scholars who wish to collaborate or pursue parallel research projects within an area of common interest. For such working groups, the Foundation can provide a small budget to support joint research, or other activities, such as seminars or small conferences, that advance the group's project. A working group application should include a common statement of the joint project to be undertaken by the group, as well as CVs and individual project descriptions from each group member whose activities may not be entirely occupied by the group project. Unlike individual applications, working groups may include one former Visiting Scholar in the group. However, only one returning scholar will be accepted each year.

In its role as an academic publisher in the social sciences, the Foundation reserves the right to publish all book-length manuscripts undertaken with the support of the Visiting Scholar Award.

The Russell Sage Foundation seeks to promote diversity through all of its program activity. The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender and/or gender identity, pregnancy or parental status, marital or domestic partner status, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, disability or medical condition, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Online applications to the Russell Sage Visiting Scholar program can be submitted at <http://rsf.onlineapplicationportal.com>. Complete the online questionnaire and upload your 4-5 project description and an updated CV.

Alternatively, one hardcopy (questionnaire, 4-5 page project description, CV) can be mailed to:  
Visiting Scholar Program  
Russell Sage Foundation  
112 East 64th Street  
New York, New York 10065.

## QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE COMPLETED BY VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICANTS

1. Are you applying as part of a working group? If so, please provide the group members' names.
2. Please provide a 1-3 sentence description of the work you plan to pursue while at the Foundation.
3. What is your current academic year salary?
4. Do you have sabbatical leave available? If so, what is your home university's policy with regard to sabbatical pay?
5. If you are selected as a Visiting Scholar, what percentage of your salary would your home university pay during the year for which you are applying?
6. What is your history of leaves of absence over the last ten years?
7. The Russell Sage Foundation values diversity in its class of Visiting Scholars and in the broader social science community. At your option, please tell us anything that would be useful for us to know regarding your racial, ethnic, cultural, or other background.
8. In order to determine your eligibility to apply for a child care allowance from the Foundation, we need to know the ages of your children under 18.
9. Are you a New York City resident?
10. For non-residents: Do you have a family who would be coming to New York with you? If you have children, please indicate if they will reside full time with you. Also, please indicate if your spouse or partner is applying as a Visiting Scholar this year.

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Applicant's Name