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The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University is now accepting applications for residential fellowships for the 2021–22 academic year. Online applications will be accepted at the Center’s website through November 9, 2020.

We encourage applications from scholars and thinkers who are minorities broadly defined, women, and those who represent a wide variety of institutions and countries.

We are particularly eager to receive applications from accomplished scholars and thinkers who engage with the significant societal challenges the Center focuses on, [described here](#), and the research methods that support them.

For more information, guidelines, and application requirements, visit our website at <https://casbs.stanford.edu/fellowships>

THE CENTER

Since its inception in 1954, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University has been a game-changer in how it confronts significant societal challenges. CASBS offers a key to untangling thorny issues – even issues originating in seemingly far distant disciplines and sectors. The Center leads the way in bringing diverse thinkers together to produce collective knowledge and transformative outcomes that none could produce independently. Its origins are in organizational creativity, and organizational innovation remains a CASBS hallmark.

Scholars acting under the Center’s umbrella help correct ill-informed policies and practices, uncover solutions to inequalities and inequities, and offer innovative frameworks for tackling wicked problems. Boasting an excellent track record of facilitating such accomplishments, CASBS now is translating and applying its generative model well beyond the borderlands of social science.

The Center achieves its ends with the combination of a fellows program, multi-year projects, and outreach to disseminate our research findings. CASBS was started as and remains a place that fosters novel means for deep thinkers to challenge boundaries and assumptions and thus advance our understanding of human beliefs, behaviors, interactions, and institutions.

THE FELLOWS PROGRAM

CASBS has hosted generations of scholars and researchers who come for a year as fellows. Applications from individuals at any career stage are welcomed; early to mid-career individuals are especially encouraged to apply. A CASBS fellowship is considered a significant career recognition by most recipients, and almost all report that the year had a transformative effect on their work. Fellows explore vexing questions and concerns. They create and extended knowledge of our world. They study contemporary societal problems and contribute to evidence-based policy and solutions.

IMPACT

Throughout its history, CASBS has played a major role in launching, incubating, or propelling forward major lines of research, if not entire fields or sub-disciplines. These include:

Behavioral economics
Evolutionary psychology
Gender and language
Comparative politics

Positive political theory
Social psychology of race, identity, stereotype threat
New frontiers in mindsets research

AWARD AND HIGH OFFICES

Many fellows have received major recognitions:

27 Nobel Prize laureates
24 Pulitzer Prize winners
51 Macarthur fellows
1 U.S. Supreme Court justice

1 U.S. Secretary of State
168 Members of the National Academy of Science
15 Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science winners
2,500 alumni and growing

COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

CASBS facilitates multi-year, interdisciplinary, intersectoral, and collaborative efforts to develop new solutions to major societal challenges. We use our convening power to form dynamic teams, attracting world-class academics, industry leaders, and policy makers and analysts from the public, nonprofit, and private spheres. Some participants are fellows and former fellows. Multiple meetings over time, supported by working groups conferring remotely between meetings, enhance the prospects for major progress on important issues. Our programs and projects focus on the following challenges: building equitable societies, enacting ethical technologies, and ensuring sustainable livelihoods. To properly address these challenges, in all our work we strive toward rethinking the social sciences, and how to develop better practices and tools for social science research to meet the needs of modern society. We accomplish this through our programs, projects, and training institutes.

TRAINING INSTITUTES

CASBS training institutes provide an opportunity for senior and junior scholars to come together for an extended, multidisciplinary interrogation of a field of research. From 1977-2010, the Mellon Foundation funded CASBS summer institutes, recognizing their importance to advancing cross-disciplinary social science research. They not only significantly influenced scholarship, but also inspired new lines of research and life-long collaborations.

In 2016, CASBS revived this tradition with a training institute on [Organizations and their Effectiveness](#). This institute is reshaping how young scholars approach organization studies. [The Comparative Politics of Climate Change Policy](#) is a training institute launched in 2018. It is designed to bring together a variety of academic experts to develop systematic knowledge about the sources of variation in climate policies and outcomes, and to galvanize the field of comparative politics of climate change policy.

Topics for future institutes are to be determined.

TYLER COLLECTION

Thousands of scholarly articles and nearly 2,000 books have been initiated, drafted, or completed at the Center. Many are classic, foundational works that exert enduring influence on thought, discourse, and public policy. On average, some 25-30 books can be credited to each class over the 65 years the Center has been in existence. The books reside in the Center's renowned Ralph W. Tyler Collection, and include:

The Philosophical Baby: What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love, and the Meaning of Life by Alison Gopnik
Rules for a Flat World: Why Humans Invented Law and How to Reinvent it for a Complex Global Economy by Gillian Hadfield
Exit, Voice, and Loyalty by Albert Hirschman
The Structure of Scientific Revolutions by Thomas Kuhn

The Code: Silicon Valley and the Remaking of America by Margaret O'Mara
A Theory of Justice by John Rawls
Orientalism by Edward Said
Whistling Vivaldi: And Other Clues to How Stereotypes Affect Us by Claude Steele
Gender and Discourse by Deborah Tannen
Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World by Maryanne Wolf

MORE INFORMATION:

More information, including [video interviews](#) with former fellows, [event videos](#), and [featured stories](#) are accessible on our [website](#).