JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP

March 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Financial Aid Administrators

From: Diane Lindeman
Director of Student Financial Assistance

Re: JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the James B. Pearson Fellowship for the 2015-2016 academic year. Established in 1979, the Pearson Fellowship provides assistance to graduate students with approved study abroad programs. The average stipend awarded is $2,456. More funding may be available depending upon the length of the projects, which normally range from 3 – 15 months.

Applicants must be: a resident of the state of Kansas for a minimum of five years; be accepted to a graduate program at an accredited Kansas college or university; be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a program of study, preferably related to foreign affairs. Appropriation fields of study include but are not limited to anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

An application is enclosed. Please forward to the appropriate departments. You may make copies for your distribution to students on your campus. The application deadline is May 1, 2015. The final selection of Pearson Fellowship recipients will be announced in late May.

If you have questions, please contact Briana Lewis at (785) 296-3517.

Enclosure

Fellowship Selection Board

Dr. Gregory Schneider  Matthew Lindsey  Andy Tompkins, President/CEO  Dr. Robert Kelly  Rep. Valdenia Winn
Topeka, KS  KS Independent College Association  KS Board of Regents  Topeka, KS  Kansas City, KS

JAMES B. PEARSON FELLOWSHIP

2015-2016 APPLICATION

FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY WHICH BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN MAY 2015 AND
NO LATER THAN APRIL 2016

Kansas Board of Regents
James B. Pearson Fellowship
1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 520
Topeka, KS  66612-1368

BIOGRAPHICAL

Name:_________________________________________________________________________________________

Social Security Number: ________-____-_________ Phone No. (_________)____________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________ Place of Birth: _______________________________________________

Driver’s License No: _______________ State Issued: ____________ Date Obtained: ______________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

City                         State           Zip Code

How long at this address?________________________________________________

Email Address:________________________________________________________________________________

RESIDENCY

When did you begin living in Kansas?  Month_________ Year________

How long have you lived in Kansas? ________________Have you ever lived outside of Kansas?  Yes____ No_____

If yes, where and when? City: ____________________ State: ____________ From: Month__________ Year________

Country: _____________________________________ From:  Month __________Year________

Do you pay resident tuition? ______________________

Parent/Guardian/Spouse: Name: ______________________________ Phone No. (_________)___________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship: _____Mother ______Father _____Legal Guardian _____Spouse

How long has parent/guardian/spouse lived in the state listed above?  Yrs________ Mos.________

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**EDUCATION**

**HIGH SCHOOL**  Name: _____________________________________________ Graduation Date: ______________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ________________________________________________________________________

List degrees received, **beginning** with the degree you are currently seeking.

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**PEARSON FELLOWSHIP**

Topic of Study: __________________________________________________________________________________

Funding Request: ________________________________________________________________________________

When do you anticipate completion of your graduate studies? _______________________

Do you plan to be a full-time student during the period of this fellowship? __________________

At which Kansas college or university will you be enrolled in during this fellowship? _____________________________

Where do you plan to study?

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Have you been accepted for study at that institution? _________________________________

Anticipated dates of study abroad: From ________________________________ To __________________________

In what languages (besides English) are you fluent? ____________________________________________________

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE ---- DEADLINE: May 1 2015**

1. Please provide a statement of your educational plans, including program of study, nature and purpose of foreign study, not to exceed five typed, double-spaced pages. The Pearson Fellowship Board is disinclined to fund straight-forward language studies. Committee members are looking for research projects that link to the core objectives of the Pearson Fellowship Fund which are the furtherance of scholarly study abroad to promote a global community.

2. Provide a financial summary of your proposed studies which includes estimated expenses and available resources. Clearly indicate the sum you are requesting from the Pearson Fellowship fund. The average stipend awarded is $2,456. More funding may be available depending on the length of the projects, which normally range from 3 – 15 months.

3. Attach academic transcripts for all of your collegiate credits.

4. a. Provide reference letters from two professors familiar with your academic work.

   b. Provide a letter of endorsement for your Pearson project from your undergraduate or graduate (graduate preferred) adviser.

5. Return this application and supporting information to the address provided on the front page.