The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to $23,000) and grants (up to $5,000) to individuals to pursue research or study in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one academic year. Awards are made in all fields of study.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must have a well-defined research or study project that makes a stay in Scandinavia essential.

Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents.

Applicants must have completed their undergraduate education by the start of their project in Scandinavia.

Team projects are eligible, but each member must apply as an individual, submitting a separate, fully-documented application.

First priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received an ASF award. Only in exceptional cases will a third award be considered.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

The ASF considers it desirable that all candidates have at least some ability in the language of the host country, even if it is not essential for the execution of the research plan.

For projects that require a command of one or more Scandinavian (or other) languages, candidates should defer application until they have the necessary proficiency.

TERMS OF AWARD:

Projects should be planned to fall within the summer 2012 - summer 2013 period.

Grants are considered especially suitable for post-graduate scholars, professionals, and candidates in the arts to carry out research or study visits of one to three months duration.

Fellowships are intended to support an academic year-long stay. Priority is given to candidates at the graduate level for dissertation-related study or research.

The awards support project-related costs, including maintenance, trans-Atlantic round-trip travel, in-country travel, tuition and fees (where applicable) and materials expenditures (e.g., books, photocopying, art supplies).

ASF awards may require supplementation from other sources, but they should not duplicate the benefits of additional awards (and vice versa). Candidates must notify the ASF if they have received other award offers. The ASF will not provide funds if, in its judgment, a proposal can be carried out without its assistance.

Application forms are available online at www.amscan.org.
GUIDELINES:

Applicants are urged to arrange their academic or professional affiliations as far in advance as possible. Applicants must secure these placements or affiliations on their own; the ASF cannot assist in establishing contacts.

The ASF requires confirmation of invitation or affiliation from the institution or individuals detailed in the proposal.

Since July and August are traditionally holiday months in Scandinavia, many people may not be available for consultation. Applicants are cautioned to plan their projects accordingly.

Applicants are expected to devote full time to their proposed study or research, and must justify the length of time needed to complete their project.

Awards are based on the application submitted; subsequent changes in the proposal are discouraged and may not be considered.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applications must be on official ASF forms, available online at www.amscan.org

PLEASE NOTE:

Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Unsuccessful applications will be discarded.

LIMITATIONS:

The ASF does not fund the following:

- Travel for attendance at professional meetings, conferences, seminars or conventions
- Performances or exhibitions
- Publication costs
- Equipment purchases, including personal computers, software and cell phones
- Research assistants
- Institutional overhead costs
- Tuition fees from U.S. home institution
- Foregone salary
- Supplementation of substantial sabbatical support
- Support for dependents
- Repayment of loans or other personal obligations
- Acquisition of language skills
- Study in programs especially designed for English-speaking students, or at English-language institutions.
- Beginning studies in any subject
- Retroactive program support

Sources of ASF Funding: Endowment Funds

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- The Carl G. and Rikke Fredriksen Barth Fund
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- The Finnish Fund
- The Former Fellows Fund
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