Opportunities for Scholars
Academic Year 2015–2016

The Institute for Advanced Study
is an independent private institution
founded in 1930 to create a community
of scholars focused on intellectual
inquiry, free from teaching and other
university obligations. Each year
scholars from around the world apply
to come to the Institute to pursue their
own research. Those who are chosen
are offered a membership for a set
period. Members receive access to the
extensive resources of the Institute,
including offices, access to libraries,
subsidized restaurant and housing
facilities, and some secretarial services.

The School of Historical Studies
supports scholarship in all fields of
historical research, but is concerned
primarily with the history of western,
near eastern and Asian civilizations, with
particular emphasis upon Greek and
Roman civilization, the history of Europe
(medieval, early modern, and modern),
the Islamic world, East Asian studies, art
history, the history of science and philos-
phy, and modern international relations.
The School also offers the Edward T.
Cone Membership in Music Studies.
Each year the School welcomes approx-
imately forty Members. Most are
working on topics in the above men-
tioned fields, but each year the School
also selects some scholars working in
other areas of historical research. Mem-
bers in the School are appointed for
either one term (first term September 21
to December 18, second term January 4 to April 1) or for two terms, amounting
to a full academic year.

Eligibility requirements include
the Ph.D. (or equivalent) at the time
of application and a substantial record
of publication. The School takes into
account the stage of the scholar’s aca-
demic career when considering the list
of publications, but in general applicants
should have at least several articles
already published in scholarly publications
in order to be considered eligible. Qual-
ified candidates of any nationality are
invited to apply. Scholars are not required
to have a current institutional affiliation.

Members are expected to remain in
residence in Princeton during term time.
Members’ only other obligation is to
pursue their own research. If they wish,
they may also participate in seminars and
meetings within the Institute, and there
are ample opportunities for contacts with
scholars at nearby universities.

Institute stipends will normally be
offered up to a maximum of $70,000 for
the full academic year, or $35,000 for
one term. A few senior scholars will be
offered additional funding to help make
up for losses in salary. Stipends may be
supplemented by other grants, including
sabbatical salaries, but if the total
exceeds the salary at the time of applica-
tion the Institute stipend will be reduced
accordingly. Scholars with full sabbatical
funding, other grants, retirement funding,
or other means may apply for a non-sti-
pendary membership. Institute stipends
are intended to replace lost salary to
fund Members; they are not intended to
pay for teaching replacements in Mem-
bers’ home institutions. A few Assistant
Professors who meet additional eligibility
requirements will be selected for Mellon
Fellowships that will provide full year
support matching their salaries and ben-
efits at the time of application. (Detailed
information about this program is on the
website: http://www.hs.ias.edu/mellon.)
Some short-term visitorships (for less
than a full term, and without stipend) are
also available on an ad-hoc basis. (To
inquire contact the Administrative Officer
as indicated below.)

Funding for members comes
from a variety of sources including the
Institute for Advanced Study’s own
endowment, grants from the Gerda
Henkel Foundation, the Andrew W.
Mellon Foundation and other sources.
The School will also welcome scholars
sponsored by the American Council of
Learned Societies through the Frederick
Burkhardt Fellowships for recently
tenured professors. (Applications for
that program must be submitted directly
to ACLS. For information see the ACLS
website: http://www.acls.org/programs/
burkhardt.)

Deadline: Completed membership applications must be submitted by November 1, 2014.

Further information and membership application materials may be found on the School’s web site, www.hs.ias.edu. Inquiries may be
sent by email to the Administrative Officer at mzelazny@ias.edu or by post to: School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study,
Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.
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