



Summer 2019

Dear Colleague:

I wish to draw your attention to an unusual opportunity for recent PhDs and advanced graduate students in the social sciences or law. The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, an endowed program established at Harvard University in 1984, announces its latest competition for Harvard Academy Scholarships. The Harvard Academy seeks outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence with a command of the language and history or culture of countries or regions outside of the United States or Canada. Their scholarship may elucidate domestic, comparative, or transnational issues, past or present.

Each year the Harvard Academy offers approximately four to six two-year, in-residence, postdoctoral fellowships to such individuals. Academy Scholars receive generous stipends, research and travel funding, and are provided with office space as well as administrative support at Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. They have full access to all of Harvard's academic resources and have no obligations except to pursue their research and studies. Some teaching is permitted but not required.

To be eligible, applicants must be recent recipients of the PhD (or equivalent professional) degree or pursuing a doctoral candidacy and actively engaged in the final stages of writing the dissertation. The enclosed brochure provides more information about the scholarships. I hope you will bring this opportunity to the attention of your students and your colleagues.

The Harvard Academy is particularly dependent on the assessment by faculty references of an applicant's academic accomplishments and scholarly potential.

Please feel free to contact The Harvard Academy at any time for more information. You are encouraged to check our website, <https://academy.wcfia.harvard.edu/>, as well. Information for contacting The Harvard Academy is included in the enclosed brochure. You may also contact me by email at [mcammnett@g.harvard.edu](mailto:mcammnett@g.harvard.edu).

Thank you for your assistance and interest.

Sincerely,

Melani Cammett

Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs, Department of Government  
Professor, Department of Global Health and Population  
Chair, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies



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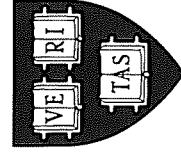
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## The Academy Scholars Program

The Academy Scholars Program identifies and supports outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences or law with a command of the language and history or culture of countries or regions outside of the United States or Canada. Their scholarship may elucidate domestic, comparative, or transnational issues, past or present.

The Academy Scholars are a select community of individuals with resourcefulness, initiative, curiosity, and originality, whose work in cultures or regions outside of the US or Canada shows promise as a foundation for exceptional careers in major universities or international institutions.

Academy Scholars are appointed for a two-year, **A**in-residence, postdoctoral fellowship at The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. They receive substantial financial and research assistance to undertake sustained projects of research and/or acquire additional training in their chosen fields and areas. The Senior Scholars, a distinguished group of Harvard University faculty members, act as mentors to the Academy Scholars to help them achieve their intellectual potential.



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## Eligibility

The competition for these awards is open only to recent PhD (or comparable professional school degree) recipients and doctoral candidates in the social sciences or law. Those still pursuing a PhD should have completed their routine training and be well along in the writing of their theses before applying to become Academy Scholars. The Selection Committee considers all applicants in one applicant pool. If you have completed a PhD program, the PhD completion date must be within three years of the October 1 application deadline. For applicants applying for the October 1, 2019 deadline, you must have completed your PhD or equivalent after September 30, 2016.

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## Terms

Each year, four to six Academy Scholars are named for two-year appointments. Academy Scholars are expected to reside in the Cambridge/Boston area for the duration of their appointments unless traveling for pre-approved research purposes.

Postdoctoral Academy Scholars will receive an annual stipend of \$70,000. If selected before earning the PhD, the Scholars will receive an annual stipend of \$31,000 until awarded the PhD. This stipend is supplemented by funding for conference and research travel, research assistants, and health insurance coverage. Some teaching is permitted but not required.

Before applying, applicants should consult The Harvard Academy website:

<https://academy.wcfia.harvard.edu>

Applications are welcome from qualified persons without regard to any status protected by law.

For questions not answered on The Harvard Academy website, email: [applicationinquiries@wcfia.harvard.edu](mailto:applicationinquiries@wcfia.harvard.edu)

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## To Apply

All application materials need to be submitted by the deadline of **October 1, 2019**. We do not accept late applications.

The completed application will include:

1. Cover letter which succinctly states the applicant's academic field, country or region of specialization, and proposed research topic
2. Curriculum vitae (CV) or resumé; including a list of publications
3. Research proposal (2,500-word maximum); including intellectual objectives and planned methodological and disciplinary work
4. A copy of your PhD program transcript
5. Three letters of recommendation (uploaded through the online application); Letters of recommendation need to be uploaded by the deadline of **October 1**.

All parts of the application, including the three letters of recommendation, are submitted online as pdf documents. Access the online application through the homepage of The Harvard Academy's website: <https://academy.wcfia.harvard.edu>

All materials must be received by **October 1, 2019**. The selection process begins immediately thereafter. Applicants whose materials are incomplete are at a disadvantage when considered by the Selection Committee. Announcement of the awards will be made in **December 2019**.

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## The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

**T**he Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies is dedicated to increasing our knowledge of the culture, history, and institutions of the world's major regions and countries.

**T**he mission of the Academy Scholars Program is to train social scientists in area studies—focusing especially on areas of the world outside of the US or Canada.

**T**he Academy's premise is that the scholarly world needs individuals who combine thorough disciplinary and area specializations. The Academy Scholars Program was established to facilitate this goal. The Academy also organizes seminars and conferences, and supports Harvard University faculty research.

**T**he Academy Scholars Program has been made possible through the generous support of the late Dr. Ira Kukin, founding benefactor of The Harvard Academy, and Albert and Celia Weatherhead and the Weatherhead Foundation.

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### The Harvard Academy Staff

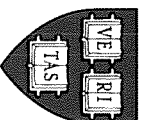
**Bruce V. Jackan**  
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## The Senior Scholars



**Melani Cammett**  
*Chair, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Acting Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*  
*Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs, and Professor in the Department of Global Health and Population*

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*David Rockefeller Professor of Latin American Studies (on leave 2019-2020)*

**Mary Lewis**  
*Robert Walton Goeler Professor of French History*

**Ian J. Miller**  
*Professor of History*

**Nathan Nunn**  
*Frederic E. Abbe Professor of Economics*

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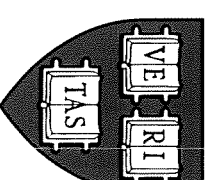
**Ajantha Subramanian**  
*Professor of Anthropology and Chair, Department of Anthropology (on leave 2019-2020)*

**Jocelyn Viterna**  
*Professor of Sociology*

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