THE ALBERT GALLATIN FELLOWSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Since 1976, the Feris Foundation of America has established the Gallatin Fellowships in honor of Geneva native and distinguished U.S. statesman Albert Gallatin to support advanced doctoral candidates to complete their studies either at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (for U.S. students) or at a recognized US university (for Graduate Institute students). Since the creation of the Gallatin Fellowships, more than 60 such grants have been awarded, representing over $1 million in financial support. In 1995, the Feris Foundation of America transferred the accumulated Gallatin Endowment of $440,000 to the University of Virginia, which administers the Gallatin Fellowships in cooperation with the Graduate Institute since that date. In addition to the Graduate Institute, participating academic institutions have included Harvard, Columbia, the University of California/Berkeley, Penn State, Stanford, the University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins University, the London School of Economics & Political Science, New York University, Notre Dame, Princeton University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan and others.

The terms of the Gallatin fellowship are as follows: a stipend of $26,000 (US) for the academic year, a fund of $1,500 (US) to cover additional research-related expenses and one trans-Atlantic return trip. In principle, one scholarship is awarded to a Graduate Institute student and to a U.S. student each year.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents enrolled in a U.S. doctoral institution are eligible to use the Gallatin Fellowship to study at the Graduate Institute while doctoral candidates at the Graduate Institute are eligible to use the Fellowship to study at an U.S. institution. The Gallatin Fellowship is intended for advanced work on the doctoral dissertation in the broad fields of international affairs and development studies.

Graduate Institute applicants should submit their application file to directionetudes@graduateinstitute.ch, by February 15 at the latest (please see application requirements below).

ALBERT GALLATIN FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATION FILE

Personal Data Form. Please submit this form along with the following requirements.

Academic Record, to include: (i) a chronological list of all educational institutions attended above high school level, naming institutions, fields of study, years of study and degree; (ii) a transcript of graduate work completed, listing courses and grades; (iii) a list of published works, articles or topics of research papers undertaken during graduate study including a copy of published work or research paper; (iv) a list of academic distinctions, fellowships, etc., including those currently held or applied for.
International Experience. List the foreign countries in which you have lived or traveled, indicating the dates, duration and purpose of these stays (business, education, leisure); describe in not over 300 words any aspect of these experiences, or others, that you believe have contributed notably to your academic career or to your proposed professional interests.

Foreign Language Proficiency. List those foreign languages of which you have a speaking, reading and writing knowledge, indicating under each of these headings if knowledge is elementary, medium or advanced.

Study Program. Write an essay of up to 1,500 words, describing your research program, showing how the Institute's curriculum of research, seminars and so on will contribute to it. Please be specific as to subject, scholarly importance, methodology, sources, practical applications (if any), and limitations of the proposed research.

Career Intentions. Describe briefly your professional objectives and how you see your current studies and those proposed at the institute contributing to them. In such a statement, any professional work which you may have already undertaken in the international field should be described, including teaching assistantships, participation in research programs, publications and awards.

References. The above information should be supplemented by letters from four individuals who are familiar with your proposed research program, including your thesis supervisor. If possible, one should be able to judge your competence in the French language. These letters of reference should be sent directly to the above address when you submit your completed application. These letters should include the office and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of those sending them.

ABOUT ALBERT GALLATIN

The Fellowship is named in honor of Genevois Albert Gallatin, who moved to the US in 1780 at the age of 19 and was later appointed as Secretary of the Treasury in the cabinets of Presidents Jefferson and Madison, where he played a leading role in the Louisiana Purchase. He was a negotiator of the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812, American Minister to France & Britain, a founder of New York University and one of the earliest students of American ethnography. He lived to oppose the Mexican War of 1848 as a war of aggression. His biographer, Raymond Walters, describes him as a "man unique and invaluable in any age or land, a superbly able and almost completely selfless public servant."