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## Fellowships for Native Hawaiian scholars available

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The Mellon-Hawaii Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program provides Native Hawaiian scholars the opportunity to complete their dissertations or to publish original research. Applications for the 2009-10 fellowship program are being accepted by The Kohala Center.

The program supports Native Hawaiian scholars who are early in their academic careers and others who are committed to the advancement of scholarship on Hawaiian cultural and natural environments, Hawaiian history, politics and society.

The program is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Kamehameha Schools. Postdoctoral fellowships of \$50,000 each and doctoral fellowships of \$40,000 each will be awarded to successful candidates for the academic year September 2009 through June 2010.

The program allows doctoral fellows to complete their dissertations before accepting their first academic posts, and postdoctoral fellows have the opportunity to publish original research early in their academic careers.

Native Hawaiian scholars who are doctoral candidates or who have earned a doctorate in any field in the arts and sciences are eligible to apply. Preference is given to those:

- who demonstrate scholarly and leadership promise;
- whose research involves the Hawaiian natural or cultural environment or Hawaiian history, politics and society;
- who have had a history of service to the Hawaiian community and to society as a whole; and
- who reside in Hawaii or whose research requires extended periods of time in Hawaii.

Native Hawaiian scholars in any residential or external degree program of a fully accredited U.S.-based institution, or institutions abroad, are eligible.

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 5 p.m. Feb. 23. Mail to The Kohala Center, Mellon-Hawaii Fellowship Program, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, HI 96743. Hand-deliver to The Kohala Center, 65-1291A Kawaihae Road, Kamuela, HI 96743.

For application information and forms, visit <http://www.kohalacenter.org/mellonapp.html>, e-mail [info@kohalacenter.org](mailto:info@kohalacenter.org) or call 887-6411.