

Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships

The members of the Committee on Distinguished Fellowships conduct interviews in October and November with applicants for various international scholarships, and provide feedback to the Chair of the Committee as well as the students themselves. The committee then meets to evaluate and rate the applicants for the Fulbright Grant and to select two nominees for the Churchill Scholarship.

Prof. Nancy Kanwisher, Co-Chair (June 30, 2026)

Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Prof. Jay Taylor Perron, Co-Chair (June 30, 2028)

Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences

Prof. Joshua Bennett (June 30, 2027)

Literature Section

Prof. Lydia Bourouiba (June 30, 2026)

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Prof. John W. M. Bush (June 30, 2028)

Mathematics

Prof. William P Deringer (June 30, 2028)

Prog in Science, Technology, & Society

Prof. Drew Fudenberg (June 30, 2027)

Economics

Prof. Marzyeh Ghassemi (June 30, 2026)

Electrical Engineering-Computer Science

Prof. William E Grimson (June 30, 2027)

Chancellor's Office

Prof. Thomas Heldt (June 30, 2028)

Electrical Engineering-Computer Science

Prof. Alan Pradip Jasanoff (June 30, 2027)

Department of Biological Engineering

Prof. Chris Kaiser (June 30, 2026)

Biology

Prof. R. Scott Kemp (June 30, 2027)

Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prof. John J Leonard (June 30, 2028)

Mechanical Engineering

Prof. Pierre Lermusiaux (June 30, 2028)

Mechanical Engineering

Prof. Thomas Levenson (June 30, 2028)

Comparative Media Studies/Writing

Prof. Anne E. C. McCants (June 30, 2028)

History Section

Prof. Earl K Miller (June 30, 2028)

Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Prof. John A Ochsendorf (June 30, 2026)

Architecture

Prof. Tanalis Padilla (June 30, 2027)

History Section

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Prof. Bjorn Poonen (June 30, 2027)
Mathematics

Prof. Margery Resnick (June 30, 2026)
Literature Section

Prof. Marin Soljacic (June 30, 2026)
Physics

Prof. Gigliola Staffilani (June 30, 2028)
Mathematics

Prof. Scott Stern (June 30, 2028)
Sloan School of Management

Prof. Julien G. Tailleur (June 30, 2026)
Physics

Prof. Jessika Trancik (June 30, 2026)
Inst for Data Systems and Society Profs

Prof. Franz-Josef Ulm (June 30, 2027)
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Prof. Lawrence Vale (June 30, 2028)
Urban Studies & Planning

Mr. Kartik Chandra, GSC Representative (June 30, 2026)

Mr. Harrison Ngue, GSC Representative (June 30, 2026)

Dr. Brett H Pogostin, Postdoctoral Associate (June 30, 2026)
Koch Inst - Integrative Cancer Research

Dr. Alison Hynd (June 30, 2026)
PKG Center

Mr. Michael P Rutter (June 30, 2027)
Office of the Vice Chancellor HQ

Mr. Andrew Schulert (June 30, 2026)

Dr. Serenella Sferza (June 30, 2027)
Center for International Studies

Mr. Aaron Weinberger (June 30, 2028)
Office of the President

Ms. Kathleen M. Wren (June 30, 2026)
Institute Office of Communications

Mr. Elliot Akama-Garren, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Ms. Alaleh Azhir, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Ms. Shelly Ben-David, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2026)

Mr. Jack Cook, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Mr. John Mikhael, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2026)

Dr. Nick R. Schwartz, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)
Plasma Science and Fusion Center

Ms. Jupneet Singh, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Ms. Natasha Stamler, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2026)

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Current Committee Membership

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Dr. Samantha Dale Strasser, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2026)

Department of Biological Engineering

Ms. Julia Zhao, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Ms. Olivia Zhao, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2027)

Ms. Kimberly L Benard, Staff to Committee

Career Advising & Professional Devt

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