

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, 2029)
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. Andreea Bobu (June 30, 2029)
Aeronautics and Astronautics

Prof. Lydia Bourouiba (June 30, 2029)
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Prof. John W. M. Bush, On leave, 2026-27 (June 30, 2028)
Mathematics

Prof. William P Deringer, On leave, 2026-27 (June 30, 2028)
Prog in Science, Technology, & Society

Prof. Drew Fudenberg (June 30, 2027)
Economics

Prof. Marzyeh Ghassemi (June 30, 2029)
Electrical Engineering-Computer Science

Prof. William E Grimson (June 30, 2027)
Chancellor's Office

Prof. Huma Gupta (June 30, 2029)
Architecture

Prof. Aram W. Harrow (June 30, 2029)
Physics

Prof. Thomas Heldt (June 30, 2028)
Electrical Engineering-Computer Science

Prof. Jonathan P How (June 30, 2029)
Aeronautics and Astronautics

Prof. Alan Pradip Jasanoff (June 30, 2027)
Department of Biological Engineering

Prof. Chris Kaiser (June 30, 2029)
Biology

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, On leave, 2026-27 (June 30, 2028)
History Section

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Prof. Earl K Miller (June 30, 2028)
Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Prof. Elly Nedivi (June 30, 2029)
Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Prof. Margery Resnick (June 30, 2029)
Literature Section

Prof. Jay R Scheib (June 30, 2029)
Music and Theater Arts Section

Prof. Viola P Schmitt (June 30, 2029)
Linguistics & Philosophy

Prof. Gigliola Staffilani (June 30, 2028)
Mathematics

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

Prof. Julien G Tailleur (June 30, 2029)
Physics

Prof. Jessika Trancik (June 30, 2029)
SoE Dept/Lab/Center/Director Org

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

Prof. John Cameron Urschel (June 30, 2029)
Mathematics

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

Mr. Kartik Chandra, GSC Representative (June 30, 2027)

Mr. Harrison Ngue, GSC Representative (June 30, 2027)

Dr. Alison Hynd (June 30, 2029)
PKG Center

Mr. Michael P Rutter (June 30, 2027)
Office of DGUE HQ

Mr. Andrew Schulert (June 30, 2029)

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

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

Mr. Jaren Wilcoxson (June 30, 2029)
Office of the General Counsel

Dr. 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, 2028)

Dr. Mary Clare Beytagh, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2028)

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

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Current Committee Membership

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LCDR Andrea Howard, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2028)

Dr. John Mikhael, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2028)

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, 2028)

Dr. Samantha Dale Strasser, Fellowships Alumni Member (June 30, 2028)

Department of Biological Engineering

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

Ms. Kimberly L Benard, Staff to Committee

Career Advising & Professional Devt

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