



Fact Sheet

Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program | Class of 2020

The public announcement is May 12, 2020, at 5 a.m. ET. The main online source for information is **Carnegie.org** and [this program page](#).

The goal of the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program is to support high-caliber scholarly research in the humanities and social sciences that addresses important and enduring issues confronting our society. The topics focus on a broad range of complex political, economic, technological, humanistic, and sociological matters.

This year, jurors selected 27 fellows. Fourteen are from public institutions of higher education, 12 are from private colleges or universities, and one is a journalist working with a think tank. Among the fellows, 15 are female and 12 are male. After the announcement, information about the winners, their professional affiliations, and the titles of their projects will be available [here](#).

The fellowship carries a \$200,000 stipend, making it possible for recipients to devote up to two years to significant research and writing. It is one of the most generous awards of its kind for scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. Honorees include established and emerging scholars, journalists, authors, and public intellectuals.

The fellowship program was created in 2015 by Carnegie Corporation of New York, the philanthropic foundation established by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. [The Corporation](#) has a long history of supporting individual scholars and their research, in addition to a wide variety of institutions, causes, and organizations.

This support is a continuation of Andrew Carnegie’s mission: “the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.”

Nominations were received from more than 600 leaders of independent research institutes and societies, universities, preeminent think tanks, major university presses, and prominent newspapers and magazines, among others. Universities may nominate one senior and one junior scholar (a junior scholar is defined as someone who received a doctorate within the last 10 years). This year, nominators submitted a total of 322 nominations.

The following criteria were used to select this year’s fellows: the originality, promise, and quality of the proposal; its potential impact on the field; and the nominee’s qualifications and plans to communicate the findings to a broad audience.

The final selections were made by a distinguished panel of 17 jurors, many of them heads of some of the nation’s preeminent institutions dedicated to the advancement of knowledge. They include seven current and former presidents of universities, as well as presidents of foundations and scholarly societies. The chair since 2015 has been Susan Hockfield, president emerita and professor of neuroscience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Detailed information about the jurors is available [here](#).

The program is promoted on social media with the hashtag #CarnegieFellows and the Corporation’s Twitter handle @CarnegieCorp. News will be disseminated through all of the Corporation’s social media channels, including [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#). After the announcement, a social media toolkit will be available [here](#).

For more information, members of the media should email Celeste Ford at cfc@carnegie.org. Those seeking information about communications related to the program should email Debra Wexler at dw@carnegie.org.