

The Josephine de Karman Fellowship Trust was established in 1954 by the late Dr. Theodore von Karman, world renowned aeronautics expert and teacher and first director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, in memory of his sister, Josephine, who died in 1951. The purpose of this fellowship program is to recognize and assist students whose scholastic achievements reflect Professor von Karman's high standards.

## **2023-2024 FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applications are available at [www.dekarman.org](http://www.dekarman.org).

Complete applications, including **unofficial transcripts of applicant's graduate and undergraduate studies, a dissertation abstract, a CV, and two letters of recommendation** must be received by the fellowship committee **IN ONE PACKAGE postmarked no later than midnight, January 31, 2023**. **Only applications from final year PhD students enrolled at one of the following universities will be accepted. Late applications will not be considered.**

California Institute of Technology  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Southern California  
Stanford University

Announcement of **2023-2024** award recipients will be made approximately **April 15, 2023**.

Approximately six (6) dissertation fellowships, in the amount of **\$25,000 each**, will be awarded for the regular academic year (fall and spring semesters or the equivalent where the quarterly system prevails), paid through the fellowship office of the university in which the recipient is enrolled for study in the United States. Study must be carried out only in the United States and all funds must be expended only within this country.

The fellowship is for **one** academic year and may not be renewed or postponed.

DeKarman fellowships are open to PhD students in any discipline, including international students, who are **currently enrolled** in one of the California universities listed above. **Only PhD candidates who will defend their dissertation in or about June 2024 are eligible for consideration for a 2023-2024 fellowship**. Undergraduate students, master's degree students, and postdoctoral scholars are not eligible for consideration. Special consideration will be given to applicants in the Humanities.

Potential applicants should note that the **competition for DeKarman fellowships is extreme**. For the 2022-2023 cycle, the committee reviewed approximately 110 applications and awarded six (6) fellowships. To be competitive, applicants should have outstanding letters of recommendation, significant early scholarly contributions, and have completed a significant portion of the dissertation at the time of application.

### **Additional Information of Importance to Applicants:**

1. PhD students who are not citizens of the United States may apply for a Josephine de Karman Fellowship if they are **already enrolled in one of the California universities listed above**.
2. The fellowships will be paid directly through the fellowship office of the university in which the successful candidate is enrolled for study in the United States. One half will be paid in September and one half the following February. **NO UNIVERSITY OVERHEAD MAY BE APPLIED TO THE FELLOWSHIP AWARD. UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS VIEWED AS SEPARATE FROM DE KARMAN FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT. THE DE KARMAN FELLOWSHIP IS FOR MERIT, BASED ON A NATIONAL COMPETITION. THEREFORE, IT IS HOPED THAT ONGOING UNIVERSITY SUPPORT COMMITMENTS ARE MAINTAINED WHILE A DE KARMAN FELLOWSHIP IS HELD.**
3. The names, universities, and departments (and dissertation titles) of Josephine de Karman Fellowship awardees may be published on the Dekarman.org website.
4. By the end of December following completion of their fellowship year, awardees **ARE REQUIRED** to submit an abstract of their dissertation and a one or two-page report on their achievements as a result of having held a Josephine de Karman Fellowship.

5. **The report should include a brief breakdown of how funds were utilized.** This should be in the form of a letter to the Josephine de Karman Fellowship Committee, P.O. Box 3389, San Dimas, CA 91773.

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