

CALIHAN FELLOWSHIPS

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

ACTON INSTITUTE

Description: The Calihan Academic Fellowships provide scholarships and research grants to future scholars and religious leaders whose academic work and research shows outstanding potential. Applicants studying theology, philosophy, economics, or related fields must demonstrate the potential to advance understanding in the relationship between faith and the principles of the free and virtuous society. Such principles include recognition of human dignity, the importance of the rule of law, limited government, religious liberty, and economic freedom.

Fellowship Details:

- **Selection Process:** Shortly after a given deadline, applications are reviewed and recipients selected by the research staff of the Acton Institute. Recipients are contacted via e-mail. Award decisions by the Acton Institute are final and not subject to appeal.
- **Agreement:** Recipients must respond to an award notification within one month and adhere to fellowship conditions, which are available online at: http://www.acton.org/program/student_awards/calihan-academic-fellowship.
- **Scholarship Amounts:** Fellowships and grants do not exceed \$3,000.
- **Duration:** Fellowships are not renewable but applicants can reapply.

Deadlines: To be considered for a scholarship, applications must be *postmarked* before the following deadlines:

Fall Term 2012: **July 15, 2012**
Spring Term 2013: **October 15, 2012**

Eligibility:

- Awards are open to seminarians or graduate students in theology, philosophy, religion, economics, or in related fields
- Strong academic performance is essential
- Candidates must have a demonstrated interest in the themes of the Acton Institute
- Candidates must display the potential to advance the themes of the Acton Institute
- Awards are open to all qualified persons irrespective of age, race, sex, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, religious affiliation, or disability

Important Notes:

- **Award Communication:** *All award decisions are communicated via e-mail.* If you do not read your e-mail regularly, please clearly indicate this.
- **Application Submission:** No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted. All application materials should be submitted together and be written in English.
- **Limited Funding:** Since this is a competition in which many worthy applicants participate, no one should presume funding. We attempt to be as generous as possible in making awards, but also must convey that funds are limited and demand is high.
- **Supplemental Funding:** The Calihan fellowships are designed to be supplemental in nature. As such, when planning educational financing, we encourage applicants to secure multiple sources of funding.
- **Award Selectivity:** Scholarships are typically not extended to those students who are not future religious leaders or scholars, or whose work is not connected to the mission of the Acton Institute. Those whose work is tied to that of the Acton Institute have a greater likelihood of receiving funding.
- **Performance Assessment:** Like the vast majority of universities, scholarship programs, and research institutes, the Acton Institute does not enter into discussions concerning the particular reasons for a denial.

A Completed Application Consists Of:

1. This signed and completed application form.
2. A 1-page proposal that outlines what you intend to accomplish with this scholarship.
3. A 2-page essay that describes your intellectual development, future plans, and career goals. This statement should elaborate on the source and development of your interest in the ideas listed above, including how you expect to contribute to a better understanding and application of these ideas.
4. A recent paper you have already written relevant to the themes promoted by the Acton Institute. If it is not in English, please provide an English abstract or summary.
5. Official transcripts from your current university and each university where you have received a degree.

Send the completed application materials to:

Calihan Fellowships ■ Acton Institute
161 Ottawa NW Suite 301
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 USA

Website: http://www.acton.org/program/student_awards/calihan-academic-fellowship ■ **Phone:** 800-345-2286 ■ **Fax:** 616-454-9454 ■
E-mail: scholarships@acton.org

Instructions: Complete each page and answer all questions accurately and fully. When mailing the completed application, include this signed form along with the other required materials listed above. All materials must be single-sided and clearly legible.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Title *First Name* *Middle* *Last Name* *Suffix*

Current Postal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Address valid until (mo/yr): _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail (1): _____ E-mail (2): _____

Birth Date: _____ Country of birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Sex: _____ Religious Affiliation: _____ Do you plan to be ordained? Yes No

Permanent Postal Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____ Telephone: _____

Have you participated in Acton Institute programs or awards? Yes No If yes, which ones? _____

(Response will not affect application status)

How did you hear about the Calihan fellowships? _____

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL

What type of degree are you pursuing? _____ Subject/concentration: _____

University/College/Seminary: _____ Expected graduation date (mo/yr): _____

Please list academic degrees you have earned since secondary school (include the graduation date, institution, and concentration):

Please list any articles, books, papers, or other works of significance you have written (include publication name and date):

Please list any foreign language(s) you read/speak, noting fluency: _____

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Please list two individuals who can be contacted by the Acton Institute as potential referees:

(1) Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Institution: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____

(2) Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Institution: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____

CERTIFICATION

I have answered each question truthfully and have read the conditions of the award as published and agree to be bound to them if appointed to a Calihan Fellowship:

Date: _____ Signature: _____