

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS AWARDS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on August 1 that the Government of Canada had made arrangements to use part of the blocked balances now standing to its credit in France and the Netherlands to provide fellowships and scholarships for Canadians to do advanced work and study in those two countries. It is hoped that the plan will be extended a little later on to include Italy. The sums of money standing to Canada's credit in these three countries are the result of agreements made by Canada to accept payment in local currencies in settlement of Canada's claims in respect of civilian relief supplies furnished at the end of the war. In the agreements with the Governments of France, the Netherlands and Italy, provision was made that the payments in local currencies may be used, among other things, for educational and cultural purposes.

The Royal Society of Canada has undertaken the responsibility of nominating the candidates and will establish appropriate selection committees. Candidates, whether for fellowships or scholarships (outlined below) should make application to the Awards Committee, Royal Society of Canada, National Research Building, Ottawa. The National Research Council and the Department of External Affairs will provide facilities to deal with problems of foreign travel and for payments from blocked currency accounts.

The awards will be of two kinds:

(a) Fellowships of a value of \$4,000.00 for twelve months will be awarded for advanced study in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and professions. In addition, travel expenses both ways from a North American port will be provided from the blocked currencies. Candidates must be over 30 years of age and must already have established reputations in their field of study, their art or their profession.

Fellows will not be required to register at any institution or school but must submit a precise plan of the research or advanced work they propose to undertake. The purpose of the Fellowships is to give Canadian men or women of proven ability an opportunity to spend a year abroad devoting their time to whatever program will be of most benefit to them and to Canada. In exceptional circumstances Fellowships may be renewed for not more than one year.

(b) Scholarships of a value of \$2,000.00 for twelve months are intended for advanced students in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. Applicants must have received Master of Arts degree or its equivalent from a university of recognized standing. Travel expenses from and to a North American port will also be paid. Candidates will be required to supply an outline of the courses they propose to follow and they must undertake to become enrolled at an educational institution of recognized standing.

The stipends will be adjusted in accordance with the cost of living in the country in which the award is held, so that holders of Fellowships and Scholarships will receive amounts that will give them the Ottawa equivalent of \$4,000.00 or \$2,000.00 as the case may be. Travel expenses will be provided to cover the cost of ocean fare at the tourist rate from a port of embarkation in North America and rail fare from the port of landing to the destination in Europe. Similar grants will be made for the return journey but no provision has been made to supply Canadian funds for travel in Canada or for other expenses here. Payment of the awards will be made monthly through the Canadian Embassy in the country where the award is held. The first payment will be made as promptly as possible after the arrival of the Fellow or