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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced today that the Government of Canada had made arrangements to use part of the blocked balances standing to its credit in France and The Netherlands to provide Fellowships and Scholarships for Canadians to study in those countries. It is hoped that the plan will be extended later to include Italy.

The nomination of candidates will be the responsibility of the Royal Society of Canada which will establish appropriate selection committees. Candidates, whether for fellowships or for scholarships, should apply to the Awards Committee, Royal Society of Canada, National Research Building, Ottawa. All applications should be submitted before September 1 next. 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 for twelve months will be awarded for advanced study in the arts, humanities, social sciences, 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 thirty years of age and must already have established reputations in their field of study, their art or 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 in their art or profession. 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 programme will be of most benefit to them and to this country. In exceptional circumstances, Fellowships may be renewed for not more than one year.

(b) SCHOLARSHIPS of a value of \$2,000 for twelve months are intended for advanced students in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. Applicants must have received a Master of Arts degree or its equivalent from a university of recognized standing. Travel expenses both ways from 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 purpose of the Scholarships and Fellowships is to enable Canadian students of exceptional promise to work towards a higher degree in France or The Netherlands.