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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the North Atlantic Council has approved arrangements for a NATO Fellowship and Scholarship Programme. This action was taken in implementation of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty which provides for co-operation in non-military fields. The Fellowship and Scholarship Programme is designed to promote the study of historical, political, constitutional, legal, social, cultural, linguistic, economic and strategic problems which will reveal the common heritage and historical experience of the Atlantic countries, as well as the present needs and future development of the North Atlantic area considered as a Community.

The sum of 13,500,000 French francs has been set aside for the 1956-57 programme.

Arrangements have been made to provide two categories of awards:

- NATO Research Fellowships to be awarded to established scholars for a period of a few months;
- Long-term Scholarships to be awarded to younger scholars for the 1956-57 academic year.

Candidates must be nationals of a member state and must undertake to pursue their research or study in one or more member countries. They will be selected by a Selection Committee under the chairmanship of Ambassador L. D. Wilgress, the Canadian Permanent Representative to NATO, who is also Chairman of the NATO Committee on Information and Cultural Relations. The following have agreed to serve on the Selection Committee: Dr. James B. Conant, United States Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and formerly President of Harvard University; Mr. Robert Marjolin, Professor at Nancy University and formerly Secretary General of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation; Dr. Alberto Tarchiani, formerly Italian Ambassador to the United States; Rt. Hon. H. U. Willink, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and formerly vice-chancellor of Cambridge University.

Fellows and Scholars will be required to prepare a report on their research or study, and submit it to NATO, in English or French, not later than three months after the expiry of the Fellowship or Scholarship.

It is expected that this programme will point the way to new means of co-operation among NATO member countries in the non-military sphere.

Applications from Canadian nationals will be reviewed and forwarded to the Selection Committee by the Awards Committee of the Royal Society of Canada, which also administers the Canadian Government Overseas Awards.

All enquiries, requests for application forms, applications, and correspondence should be addressed to:

Awards Committee,
The Royal Society of Canada,
National Research Building,
Ottawa, Canada.
