



FR. SMITH
FELLOWSHIP

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

2019 SMITH FELLOWSHIPS

Ryan McIntyre ('21) – Honiara, Solomon Islands to serve with Archbishop Christopher Cardone, O.P., and the Dominican Province of the Assumption (Australia and the south-western Pacific region) teaching students at the nearby secondary school.

Shannon Moore ('20) – Tucumán, Argentina to serve with the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Name of Jesus teaching English classes at various grade levels in the community.

Trevor Wakefield ('21) – Tucumán, Argentina to serve with the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Name of Jesus teaching English classes at various grade levels in the community.

Hannah Valente ('20) – Sydney, Australia to serve with the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia at St. Lucy's School assisting individuals with special needs.

Caroline Rivera ('21) – San José, Costa Rica to serve with the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Vincent Ferrer teaching at their school, the Colegio de Los Ángeles and being in the local community.

Katherine Martinez ('20) – San José, Costa Rica to serve with the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Vincent Ferrer teaching at their school, the Colegio de Los Ángeles and being in the local community.

Sean Tobin ('20) – Jerusalem, Israel to study the Bellum Iudaicum by Flavius Josephus at the École Biblique with Fr. Anthony Giambrone, O.P. of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph.

Claire Woods ('21) – Sydney, Australia to serve with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia at Trinity Catholic College, getting involved in their ministries, liturgies and classroom communities.

Brooke Douglass ('21) and Sean King ('21) were also awarded fellowships, but unfortunately are not able to travel due to complications with their host site that arose shortly after the awards were made.



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DESCRIPTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P. Student Fellowships for Study and Service Abroad are awarded on a competitive basis to rising juniors and seniors. The Fellowships enable students to undertake summer study or service at Catholic and Dominican sites outside the continental United States. The Fellowships cover travel, living, and incidental expenses. New to this year, we are exploring the possibility of a required course component the fall following your fellowship. This course will bring all the Smith Fellows together to unpack their experience, draw connections between their study and service with Catholic teaching, and go further in understanding our Dominican tradition.

The Fellowships are made possible through the generosity of several members of the College's Board of Trustees, former and current, and several other donors.

PURPOSE

The Fellowships are designed to encourage highly motivated students to deepen their acquaintance with the Catholic and Dominican intellectual tradition and the ethos of Christian service, as well as introduce them to the breadth and richness of the universal Church. They are also intended to act as a leaven within the College community.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Proposals from rising juniors and seniors are considered on the basis of a) the aptness of the proposed course of study or service, given the purpose of the Fellowships; b) the demonstrated ability and readiness of the student to undertake what is proposed; and c) the feasibility and timeliness of the proposal.

TIMELINE

Each year an announcement of the Fellowships is made in early October, to be followed by informational meetings that take place during Homecoming Weekend. Attendance at one of these informational meetings is strongly encouraged and looked favorably on for anyone anticipating applying for a Smith Fellowship for the following summer. Following this weekend additional information sessions will be made available.

A letter of application, with a preliminary description of the proposed course of travel, study, or service, is due on the Monday after the Thanksgiving Break. This should be accompanied by a completed Application Form. After reviewing each letter of application, the Committee then communicates with each applicant about how to proceed with the drafting of the formal proposal, which is due the Friday following the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday in January. Fellows will be announced in early to mid-February.



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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Fellows must be full-time undergraduates in good standing. Three letters of recommendation are required, which are to be submitted with the formal proposal in January, at least one of these letters must be from an ordinary member of the Providence College faculty. Fellows agree to give a presentation about their experience the semester following their return.

FR. PHILIP A. SMITH, O.P.

Fr. Philip A. Smith, O.P. was the 11th President of Providence College (1994-2005). A native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, Fr. Smith graduated from Providence College and entered the Dominican Order in 1961. A philosopher by training and a specialist in bioethics, Fr. Smith also served as President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC; as a member of the Provincial Council of St. Joseph Province of the Dominican Friars; and as a delegate to the 1995 General Chapter of the Dominican Order in Caleruega, Spain. In gratitude for his many years of service to the Church, the Order, and to the students of Providence College, these Fellowships are named in his honor.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: LETTER OF PROPOSAL AND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

Proposal and completed application should be submitted via prov.ly/smithfellowship2020

Written proposals should include:

1. A preliminary description of the proposed course of study, or service including
 - i. Where you intend to travel to
 - ii. When you intend to go
 - iii. who you intend to work with
 - iv. what you intend to do
2. Should aim to answer the following questions:
 - i. What motivates you to apply for the Smith Fellowship?
 - ii. What do you hope to learn from this experience?
 - iii. In your own words, what is the difference between solidarity and charity?
 - iv. How do you hope to grow as a person?

The letter of intent should be no more than three to five pages on plain white paper with one-inch margins, 1.15 line spacing, single-sided, no title page or binder

DEADLINE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

STEP 2 COMMUNICATION WITH THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

After reviewing your letter of application and completed Application Form, the Selection Committee will contact you about how to proceed. In most cases it will advise you about what you need to consider going forward, e.g., what additional information you need to gather and provide, who to contact regarding visa, legal, and financial matters, and how to begin thinking about your formal proposal. It will also invite you to meet with individual members of the Selection Committee or the Committee as a whole, and to effectively use the Committee as an ally to help you through the process of drafting and revising your proposal. In some cases where your interests cannot be served by the Fellowship, or the letter of application and application form indicate that it would be best to defer, the Selection Committee will advise you not to proceed with the application process.

STEP 3: DRAFTING AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

The formal proposal is a comprehensive statement of your interests, proposed project, readiness and expectations, information about the site, contacts, supervisor(s), projected costs, and the like. It also includes three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of the ordinary faculty at Providence College. Although the Selection Committee will help you draft the proposal and advise you about what is necessary to include, the following suggestions may prove helpful:

1. Write clearly and succinctly, and organize your proposal well.
2. Detailed accounts of costs, travel plans, etc. should be included in an appendix and not in the narrative body of the proposal.
3. type, ink jet, or laser print your proposal on plain white paper with one-inch margins, 1.15 line spacing, single-sided, no title page or binder.
4. Demonstrate that you have researched your proposed site and project in considerable detail, and have made initial contact with those who will serve as supervisors and/or hosts.
5. Be sure to account for housing, meals, incidental expenses, medical requirements, visas, and any legal documentation or waivers that you will require.
6. The formal proposal should be from five to seven pages—no more—plus appendices.



NOTES & POSSIBLE SITES

SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be judged on the basis of a) the aptness of the proposed course of study or service, given the purpose of the Fellowships; b) the demonstrated ability and readiness of the student to undertake what is proposed; and c) the feasibility and timeliness of the proposal. The Selection Committee will review all proposals and rank them in order of perceived merit. The number of Fellows that can be sponsored in a given summer will vary according to the availability of funds, with the usual maximum number of Fellowships awarded being eight.

PLEASE NOTE.

Attendance at one of the several informational meetings is mandatory for anyone anticipating applying for a Smith Fellowship for the following summer. Attendance at one of the Home Coming presentations will be helpful to all applicants interested.

Please note that interest in serving in Latin American countries should reach out to Fr. David Orique on campus before reaching out to Dominican communities or organizations in Latin America.

POSSIBLE SITES

- Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Vincent Ferrer in San Jose, Cost Rica teaching at their school, the Colegio de Los Angeles and being in the local community.
 - You may read these Smith Fellow blogs
 - Carolina Riviera <https://decostaricaconamor.home.blog/>
 - Katherine Martinez <http://katherinescostaricanexperince2019.weebly.com/>
- Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dominican Sisters at their Centro de Obras Sociales Maternidad de María Maternity Clinic in Chimbote, Peru.
 - You may read these Smith Fellow blogs
 - Anne Berning (summer 2016): <http://musingsandperusings.com/>
 - Kaitlyn Williams (summer 2015): <https://perusingchimbote.wordpress.com>
- Dominican Sisters of Tucumán, Tucumán, Argentina to work with the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Name of Jesus teaching English classes at various grade levels in the community.
 - You may read these Smith Fellow blogs:
 - Shannon Moore: <https://shannonsmithfellowship.home.blog/>
 - Trevor Wakefield: <https://trevorsmithfellowshipblog.home.blog/>
- The Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands,
 - You may read these Smith Fellow blogs:
 - Hannah Valente: <https://hvalente8.wixsite.com/website>
 - Ryan McIntyre: <https://acrossmyhe.art.blog/>

There are many other opportunities.

Check out <https://mission-ministry.providence.edu/smith-fellow/> for blogs and places students have gone for the past nine years.

