

January 19, 2018

## ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Re: The 2018-19 Hellman Fellows Fund

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to announce this year's competition for research awards from the Hellman Fellows Fund. Thanks to a generous and thoughtful gift from the Hellman family, the Fund helps to support promising assistant professors who show capacity for great distinction in their research. The Hellman Fellows Fund is especially eager to address research needs that may arise for assistant professors several years after their appointment, when start-up funding may be depleted.

Individuals may receive awards of up to \$60,000. Last year, fifty-six applications were received and fourteen were successful, with awards ranging from \$31,880 to \$60,000.

Awards may be used for any research-related need, such as research assistants, equipment, or travel. They may not be used for regular or summer salary. There is no overhead charged to this award. Please note that award-winners may use up to 5% of their grants for research-related dependent-care expenses.

Recipients are expected to use the funds within one year, and they are required to use the funds before their tenure cases are considered. Expenditures should, of course, directly advance the research project proposed in the application. The effective date of this year's awards will be July 1, 2018.

## ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

- Applicants should have served at least two years as an assistant professor by July 1, 2018 but should not yet have been formally recommended for tenure. Please note that funds may not be expended after the awardee is granted tenure.
- Applications will be evaluated for the creativity and originality of the proposed research project.
- Applications should provide reason to judge that the proposed project can be completed within the proposed time period.
- Applications should present a realistic budget and demonstrate a need for financial support.

## REQUIREMENTS

- The deadline for applications is **Friday, March 2, 2018**. Awards will be announced in May 2018.
- All applications must be submitted electronically through the [Google Form](#).
- Applicants must fully complete the application on the [Google Form](#) and provide the additional materials it specifies; project description, budget, and brief CV.

- The maximum length of the project description is three pages. The project description should explain both the nature and significance of the project. Applicants are advised to provide project descriptions that can be understood by members of the selection committee who may not be in their field.

You will find additional information about the Fund and the application process here: <http://vpf.berkeley.edu/hellman-fellows-fund>. If you have questions, please email [hellmanfund@berkeley.edu](mailto:hellmanfund@berkeley.edu).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. E. Hermalin".

Benjamin E. Hermalin  
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