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## Policy on AIPS Board and Executive Committee Membership and AIPS Fellowships (Updated November 16, 2017)

*The purpose of this policy update is to clarify and strengthen existing policies and to ensure that our policies and procedures are clear to all appointed and elected Trustees and Officers.*

1. Members of the AIPS Board of Trustees are not eligible to apply for AIPS Research Fellowships. (This includes all short-term and long-term fellowships and grants which support research or research-related travel, but not grants which support service projects in the US or Pakistan—including but not limited to organizing conferences, running training workshops, or participating in supported mentoring efforts—and which benefit a US or Pakistani Institution or the broader field of Pakistan Studies.)
2. Individuals are not eligible for appointment or election to the Board while holding a fellowship, and for a period of six months after completion of the fellowship. (Completion of the fellowship is defined as the last date that a fellow receives a per diem, or the last date on which a fellow incurs any expenses funded by the fellowship program, whichever is later.)
3. An appointed Institutional Trustee on the AIPS Board who plans to apply for a fellowship should notify the AIPS President and the US Director of their resignation by or on the application deadline. The Member Institution may then appoint a replacement. If the fellowship application is unsuccessful, the individual concerned is then eligible for re-appointment as Institutional Trustee by the Member Institution.
4. An Individual Member of the AIPS who is elected to the AIPS Board as an At-Large Trustee and who plans to apply for a Fellowship should notify the AIPS President, Secretary, and US Director of their resignation by or on the application deadline. This will create a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, which will normally be filled in an election held at the next election cycle (November/December annually). If the fellowship application is unsuccessful, the Individual Member is eligible to run in any future election.

5. If a fellowship application is received from a Board member who has not resigned, then the Board member will be contacted and given a choice between resigning from the Board or withdrawing the fellowship application. If no response is received, the fellowship application will be ruled ineligible.
  
6. Elected Members of the AIPS Executive Committee, including officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) are not eligible to apply for AIPS Research Fellowships at any time during their scheduled elected term of office, even upon resignation of the office. Executive Committee members, including officers who have completed their scheduled term, may apply for AIPS Research Fellowships at any time after the completion of the elected term.