



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
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To Referees for Academic Appointment Applicants:

The Smithsonian Institution, through its programs in higher education seeks to provide opportunities to doctoral candidates and for investigators at the junior postdoctoral level to pursue further training within its facilities under the supervision of members of its research staff.

You are being asked by an applicant for such a fellowship to serve as a referee and to evaluate a proposal in the form of a narrative essay enclosed herewith.

We ask that you address a letter to me evaluating the essay in terms of the quality of the educational and research experience the applicant would derive from undertaking such a project and the likelihood of his completing it successfully at the Smithsonian. We would especially like to have your advice about the applicant's ability, about the further training which he needs and which you believe would best assist him in attaining his intellectual goals. Our deadline for the completion of applications is January 15 of each year. Please send your letter, by airmail, if necessary, well in advance of that date, in the envelope provided by the applicant.

The essay, accompanied by transcripts or a thesis abstract where desirable, and two supporting letters, will be reviewed in confidence by members of the Smithsonian professional research staff in the subject area of the applicant's interest. We will notify you of our action upon the application.

Your careful assessment of this application will help us to maintain high standards of our programs in higher education and research training. We are grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Edward S. Davidson
Executive Officer
Office of Academic Studies

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