

Fellowships for the Documentation of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge

The unique oral literatures and traditional ecological knowledge of indigenous peoples are rapidly being lost through the death of the traditional practitioners and through the schooling of the next generation. The Firebird Foundation has initiated a program of Fellowships to encourage the collection of this body of rapidly disappearing literature and knowledge.

Oral literature may consist of ritual texts, curative chants, epic poems, musical genres, folk tales, songs, myths, legends, historical accounts, life history narratives, word games, and so on.

Fellowships are available to anthropologists, linguists, and other scholars, as well as to individuals or teams of local researchers in indigenous societies who are dedicated to preserving their oral traditions.

The Firebird Fellowships will provide funds of up to \$10,000 to applicants for purchasing recording equipment and covering the expenses of collecting this material. Applicants are encouraged, where possible, to foster the development of local teams of collectors to continue the work of recording these materials.

Information on the application procedures can be found in the section Application Guidelines.

Inquiries should be addressed:

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Applications are accepted for review quarterly:

March 1st
June 1st
September 1st
December 1st

"Fellowships are awarded without discrimination of ethnic group, national origin, residence, religious affiliation, sex, or gender. Level of education is not a consideration."