

Marquette University Graduate School  
Cyril E. Smith Trust Smith Family Fellowship  
Award Guidelines

BACKGROUND

Cyril E. Smith (1900-1969) was born in Merced, California. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. He traveled abroad extensively, both during his graduate studies and his professorial career. For instance, he spent two years in France conducting doctoral level research on the history of the University of Toulouse. While his family's financial circumstances enabled him to devote himself fulltime to research, he noted his peers struggled to make ends meet. This observation became the catalyst for his vision of the Smith Family Scholarships.

During 1928, he taught at West Virginia University. He spent the depression years of 1929-33 at Louisiana State University before coming to Marquette University in 1934. He retired from Marquette in 1967.

In 1974 Dr. Smith honored Marquette graduate students in history and the humanities with the wonderful gift of a unique scholarship trust. Given in the memory of himself, Cyril's sister Virginia, and their parents, the trust was established in 1974. [F508 (s)1.i0.024 Tw 6417 0 Td .3.96 0 Td (h)5h ( )Tj 0.036 Tw -488.889w 24.5

Fellowships are awarded in recognition of outstanding prior academic achievement, promise of future academic excellence, and successful completion of studies to date.

Marquette Attendance

Applicants must have attended the Marquette University Graduate School for a minimum of two years, including at least one year in a doctoral level humanities program. The period between the date of application and the end of the current school year may be counted as part of the same minimum two year period.

Requirements/Senior Program Progress

Each August, affected Departments will be informed by the Graduate School as to how many Smith Fellowships will be available to them in the upcoming year. Departments will manage the selection process of their students, but departments must file their selection process with the Graduate School. Departments should only select students who are sufficiently far enough in their programs to have met the eligibility requirements already, or who are certain to meet them by August 15 of the award year. Prior to awarding the fellowship, the

disqualified. Rather, their fellowships will begin when they have completed all of the stated program requirements.

#### NOMINATION PROCESS

Departments will develop their own selection process (which must be filed with the Graduate School), but *at a minimum*