

The Birman Fellowship Selection Committee

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is five
- Term is two years ending June 30 (work actually begins in December)
- Committee is appointed by the President

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the committee is to review applications and rank the top applicants for the award of fellowships. The award amount and timing will be set by the Board of Trustees, given the current endowment. Committee members may not serve as reference writers for Birman Fellowship applicants.

Fellowship Description

The Joan and Joseph Birman Fellowship for Women Scholars provides mid-career fellowships for research in mathematics. The fellowships are specially designed to fit the unique needs of women and are open only to women.

Fellowship Details

The funds can be used by successful candidates to provide additional time for research of the awardee, or opportunities for the awardee to work with collaborators. This may include, but is not limited to, course buy-outs, travel money, childcare support, or support to attend special research programs

Miscellaneous Information

The Committee conducts its business by email and teleconferencing and does not require any travel.

Note to the Chair

Work done by committees with recurring agenda items may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that records of work should be kept and submitted annually to the Secretary for archival purposes. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

Authorization

29 April 2017 Council Minutes, Item 4.6.2. Committee was created and charge was approved.

15 January 2019 Council Minutes, Item 4.7.2. Added the phrase "Committee members may not serve as reference writers for fellowship applicants."

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/birman-past.html>

Past Winners

<https://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/pabrowse?curl=Birman-Fellowship>

AMS Website

<http://www.ams.org/programs/ams-fellowships/Birman-fellow>

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