

FULBRIGHT HILDEMAN GRANT



“Scandinavian Culture Past and Present: Multicultural Identities” at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Spring Semester 2011

The Fellowship

The Fulbright Commission announces the 2010-11 Hildeman Fellowship grant for a Swedish scholar to teach at the Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis during Spring semester, January 18 through May 14, 2011. The Hildeman Fellowship was established to commemorate Nils-Gustav Hildeman, Swedish diplomat and former Fulbright board member, and is designed to promote Scandinavian area studies in the United States.

The Hildeman Fellow will be expected to teach two undergraduate courses, SCAN 3501 “Scandinavian Culture Past and Present,” and SCAN 4602, “Fiction and Film.” Once selected, the grantee will work closely with the faculty of the Scandinavian Program in the Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch to design and develop the curriculum for each course, with the main focus on contemporary Swedish/Scandinavian issues. The Fellow will be expected to hold one presentation with faculty and students and will be invited to actively participate in undergraduate affairs in the host department at the University of Minnesota.

The Fellow will also have the opportunity to present his/her research at the annual meeting of the *Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study* (SASS) in May 2011, for which the University of Minnesota will cover travel and other conference expenses. In addition, the Fellow will be encouraged to present aspects of his/her research at a number of academic institutions that collaborate with the University of Minnesota, e.g., Augsburg College, St. Olaf College and Gustavus Adolphus College, as well as others in the neighboring states of Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Dakotas. The entire upper Midwest area is rich in Scandinavian tradition. Candidates in the Humanities, Film and/or Contemporary Culture Studies are therefore welcome to apply.

About the Department

The Scandinavian Program exists as a crucial component within the larger Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch at the University of Minnesota; it consists of four professors or associate professors and four lecturers. It includes two years of language instruction in Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish, followed by a one semester pan-Scandinavian course in language and culture. Old Norse and a variety of courses covering literature and culture from the 13th century are also offered, as well as a unique six-week intensive course in Modern Icelandic, which is taught in collaboration with the University of Iceland. In addition, the department has a broad and comprehensive range of courses on Scandinavian topics at the undergraduate level. The department attracts approximately 400 undergraduate students per semester and currently has over 40 students preparing for a major or minor degree in Scandinavian studies. At the graduate level, both an M.A. in Scandinavian and a Ph.D. degree in German/Scandinavian are offered.

About the University

The University of Minnesota is a large public university, founded in 1851, whose mission is threefold: research and discovery, teaching and learning, outreach and public service. At present it has over 40,000 undergraduate students and 25,000 graduate students. The Twin Cities campus has one branch in St. Paul, while the main branch, where the Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch is housed, is located in Minneapolis and is close to a number of major cultural institutions, such as the Walker Art Center, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Guthrie Theater, the American-Swedish Institute, and the Orchestra Hall. The University of Minnesota library has one of the largest holdings of Scandinavian titles in the country, including a number of rare first editions of Scandinavian books. The visiting Fellow will have outstanding opportunities to make new contacts and to conduct cross-disciplinary research by attending lectures, workshops, and conferences. On-campus venues include the Institute for Advanced Study with its regularly scheduled symposia and the Film Collaborative.

More information about the University of Minnesota is available at the following address: <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/about.php>. Information on the Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch is available at <http://gsd.umn.edu/>

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Doctoral degree or equivalent
- Fluency in English
- Swedish citizenship
- University teaching experience

Note: Persons having dual citizenship with the United States or desiring or holding permanent residence in the United States are not eligible to apply for Fulbright grants.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS:

- Grant of SEK 125,000
- Round-trip travel between Sweden and the United States
- Baggage allowance of maximum SEK 1,400
- Sickness and accident insurance
- Travel and expenses for the SASS conference held in May 2011

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Electronic applications can be downloaded from the Fulbright website or requested by e-mail. For further information, please contact the Commission between 08:00 and 16:30. **Applications must be received no later than February 26, 2010.** Preliminary notification of appointment will be made by May 2010.

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