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COMMONWEALTH FUND SERVICE FELLOWSHIP.

In 1929, and again last year, officers of the Public Service were afforded the opportunity of applying for a Commonwealth Fund Service Fellowship.

Particulars of the Fellowships are as follow :—

I. Purpose of the Fellowships.—The Commonwealth Fund of 41 East 57th Street, New York City, a philanthropic foundation existing since 1918 and supported by gifts from the late Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness, has established for British subjects a number of Fellowships tenable at American universities. In creating these Commonwealth Fund Fellowships the Directors of the Fund have been impelled by a belief in the value of international opportunities for education and travel, and by a conviction that mutual amity and understanding between Great Britain and the United States will thereby be promoted.

It has been decided to offer at least five of these Fellowships every year to persons holding appointments overseas under the British Government, the Government of India, or the Government of a British dominion, colony, protectorate, or mandated territory. The actual number of Service Fellows to be appointed in 1931 will be determined by the Committee of Award.

II. Conditions of Appointment.—Candidates must be of British descent; they may be single or married, but must not be more than thirty-five years of age on the 1st September of the year of award.

As normally such candidates will hold an appointment in Government Service overseas, they will not be required to show a domicile in the British Isles. It should be explained that neither probationers awaiting final appointment to Government Service, nor persons employed by but not officially on the cadre of the Government Service will be regarded as qualified for these Fellowships.

Candidates are required before appointment to give an undertaking that they will not accept another appointment until the expiration of their Fellowships, and that they will then return to Government Service within the British Empire.

In selecting candidates for nomination primary consideration is given to intellectual ability. Candidates must submit a definite scheme of work proposed to be carried out during their residence in the United States.

An interview with the Committee of Award in London will not be required, but arrangements will be made for medical examination in the region from which the candidate applies.

III. Emoluments.—There is no fixed stipend, but it is estimated that the cost to the Commonwealth Fund of each Fellowship is approximately £600 per annum. Each Fellowship includes provision for—

- (a) An equipment allowance of \$200, and a travel allowance from the country in which the Fellow is serving to the United States and return.
- (b) Tuition, laboratory fees, &c.
- (c) \$150 a month, paid quarterly, for living-expenses during the tenure of the Fellowship, from the date of leaving the country in which the Fellow is serving.
- (d) Allowance for travelling while in the United States on tours approved by the Commonwealth Fund.

The allowances are calculated to meet the needs of a single man, and are not sufficient for a married couple, nor does the Fund accept any responsibility for the additional expenses incurred by a married Fellow.

IV. Conditions of Tenure.—The holder will not be required to reside continuously during term time at any one American university or institution, but will be free to visit, with the approval of the Commonwealth Fund, institutions or districts appropriate to his subject of study.

Any appointment that may be made to this category of Fellowship will be, so far as possible, dated to suit the convenience of the person appointed.

Fellowships are tenable for a minimum period of fifteen months and a maximum period of twenty-four months, dated from the time of departure from and return to the country in which the Fellow is engaged in Government service.

A Fellowship for 1931 has been awarded to Mr. T. G. G. Beck, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E., Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Dunedin, and he has been granted the necessary leave to enable him to accept. Mr. C. S. Plank, M.Sc., of the Post and Telegraph Department, was placed on the reserve list.

Dr. R. M. Campbell, M.A., LL.B., Ph.D. (of the Internal Affairs Department), who was awarded a Fellowship in 1929, has recently resumed duty.

In view of the limited number of Fellowships available each year, it is pleasing to note that two members of the New Zealand Public Service have been selected.