



VFIC 2021 MEDNICK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Chief Academic Officers
CC: VFIC Corporate and Foundation Officers
FR: Mary-Beth Johnson
RE: Proposals for 2021 Mednick Memorial Fellowships
Deadline – February 26, 2021

The VFIC Mednick Memorial Fellowships Committee is now inviting proposals for 2021 awards. The \$2,000 fellowships are designed to encourage the professional development of college and university teachers and improve their academic competence through research and advanced study. The deadline for receiving proposals is February 26, 2021, and the reporting deadline for approved fellowships is May 31, 2022.

The Maurice L. Mednick Memorial was created in 1967 in honor of a young Norfolk industrialist who died from accidental causes and whose family and business associates wished to perpetuate his name by establishing a memorial that would emphasize his and the donors' strong interest in higher education. Administration of the Mednick Memorial Fund is vested in the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

The minimum \$2,000 fellowship awards will be distributed to each school in July 2021 with an approved nomination.

A committee of VFIC business trustees and college/university presidents oversee the selection of research proposals for funding on an annual basis. The committee encourages each of the member schools to submit a proposal. The committee will accept only one proposal from each member institution.

Attached you will find information on the overall program and limitations on the use of the award, the application form in both pdf and Word form, and final report information. Once you have selected a candidate for the 2021 award, please have the faculty member submit the application materials by February 26, 2021, via email to me at johnson@vfic.org.

Should you have any questions about the Mednick program, please contact me at johnson@vfic.org or 804.288.6609.



2021 Mednick Memorial Fellowships Award

Guidelines

Inquiries and questions should be directed to Mary-Beth Johnson at johnson@vfic.org.

Mednick Grant Proposal Information

The committee maintains a flexible policy with regard to the number and size of grants from year to year. Proposals should be developed using the following:

- A. Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the president or the chief academic officer commenting briefly on the merit of the proposal in terms of the future interests of both the institution and the applicant.
- B. Deadline for applications - February 26, 2021. Applicants will be notified in April and the awards will be available by July 31 through the sponsoring institutions' business office.
- C. It is the obligation of the sponsoring institution to:
 - ensure that funds granted to its applicant are used exclusively in support of the purposes for which the grant was requested and approved, and
 - by May 31, 2022, advise the VFIC of the status of the project for which the grant was made.
- D. The committee will accept only one proposal from each member school.

Grants may be requested to supplement other available research funds. Grants will NOT be made for any of the following:

- Faculty members engaging in normal course work leading toward a degree
- Stipends or other compensation to be paid to faculty members, students, consultants or other personnel. This also includes clerical and administrative research assistance for the research project (i.e., typing, filing, proofreading, transcription services, etc.)
- Travel not directly related to the research project
- Tuition and registration fees
- Purchase of supplies other than for the research project
- Purchase of capital equipment (i.e. computers, laptops, LCD projectors, etc.) An exception may be reasonable scientific equipment needed to conduct research pertinent to the project. All requests of this nature are subject to review by the committee. Please inquire prior to sending in such a proposal.

Timeline

- Fall 2020 - Announcement & Application Available
- February 26, 2021 - Deadline for Applications
- April 16, 2021 - Notification of Awards
- July 2021 - Distribution of Funds
- May 31, 2022 - Final Report Deadline for **2021** grant recipients.



2021 Mednick Memorial Fellowships Award
Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges

DEADLINE: February 26, 2021
Send applications to johnson@vfic.org

Please submit the application package in the following order:

- Page 1** **One Page Application Form**
- Page 2** **Letter of Endorsement** – from the President or Dean of the College/University.
- Pages 3 & 4** **Narrative/Timeline** - Please provide a full description of the background, objectives, methodology, significance of the project, description of your specific activities/strategies using a brief timeline.
- Page 5** **Budget** - line item descriptions with amount/cost of the expected use of the fellowship money (travel, lodging, supplies, materials, meals, incidentals, transportation).
- Pages 6-8** **Curriculum Vita/Resume**



VFIC Mednick Memorial Fellowships 2021 Application Form

DEADLINE: February 26, 2021
Send applications to johnson@vfic.org

I. Grantee Contact Information

Name _____

Title _____

Department _____

School _____

Phone _____

Email _____

II. Grantee Request Information

Project Title _____

Endorsed By _____

Amount Requested _____

Project Start /End Date _____

In **two** sentences or less, please summarize the purpose of your research and how you will utilize the funds. (*i.e. The purpose of my research is to examine the phylogeographic and population genetic patterns in eastern newts throughout the southeastern United States (North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and eastern Tennessee.) Funds are need to help with transportation, lodging and meals to these areas and for general collection supplies.*)

In two sentences or less, please let the review committee know what the impact of your research will be.



2021 Mednick Memorial Fellowships Award Reporting
Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges

For fellowships awarded in 2021

(Due May 31, 2022)

Mednick Memorial Fellowships Award - Final Report

1. Findings/Results/Accomplishments - Describe the outcomes from your research and the impact the work has had or will have on your professional development.
2. Expenditure of Funds - Please provide a detailed accounting of how the funds were expended.
3. Dissemination of Results and Publication - Please list how and where your research project's results will be disseminated, shared and/or published.
4. Timeline for Completion, if work is still in progress - Describe the specific activities that are still in progress or scheduled to be completed that directly relate to this project.
5. Future Work - Please provide any plans for future work directly related to this project.

Submit report to johnson@vfic.org. Any questions, please contact Mary-Beth Johnson at johnson@vfic.org.