

## **Amelia Earhart Fellowships for Women 2017-18 Academic Year**

**TO:** Financial Aid/Dean of Graduate Studies/Aerospace-Related Departments  
**FROM:** Megan Radavich, Director of Programs and Advocacy  
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**SUBJECT:** Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships for women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering.

### **AMELIA EARHART & ZONTA INTERNATIONAL**

Established in 1938, Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowships memorialize famed air pioneer and Zontian, Amelia Earhart, who disappeared over the Pacific in 1937. By remembering Amelia Earhart through this fellowship, Zonta International encourages and supports women to expand their horizons by pursuing degrees and careers in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. In the program's 77-year history, Zonta has awarded 1,508 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$9.3 million, to 1,079 Fellows representing 70 countries. It is anticipated that 35 Fellowships of US\$10,000 each will be awarded in 2017.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Women of any nationality are eligible. To apply for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- ❑ Be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program in a qualifying area of science or engineering closely related to advanced studies in aerospace-related science or aerospace-related engineering and completed at least one year of that program or have received a master's degree in an aerospace-related field at the time the application is submitted. A verification of current enrollment must be submitted with the application. Acceptance letters are not verification of enrollment and will not be accepted.
- ❑ Demonstrate a superior academic record at a recognized university or college with accredited courses in aerospace-related studies as verified by official transcripts and recommendations. In programs where graduate transcripts are not provided as a matter of institutional policy, applicants should provide a statement of that policy from the registrar or other school official. Please note that electronic transcripts will not be accepted.
- ❑ Provide evidence of a well-defined research program in aerospace-related science or aerospace-related engineering as described in the application essay (in general scientific terms), the academic documents (references, transcripts, verification of enrollment) and the list of publications (Note: please do not attach publications; citing the references is sufficient).
- ❑ Clearly demonstrate the relationship of the research to aerospace and furnish verification of research program through at least one of the reference letters required with the application. The thesis supervisor or advisor and a university professor must each be one of the referees.
- ❑ Applicant must be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program when funds are received in September and must not graduate before April 2018.

### **APPLICATION**

A copy of the Fellowship application is attached and can also be downloaded from the Zonta International website at <http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Amelia-Earhart-Fellowship>. The application, recommendations, official transcripts, and verification of enrollment for the 2017 Amelia Earhart Fellowships must be received or **post-marked by 15 November 2016** to be considered.

### **ZONTA WEBSITE**

Please post this information and if possible provide a link to the Zonta International website (<http://www.zonta.org/>) on your website. If you received this email in error, please forward it to the appropriate department at your institution. Please forward the correct email address, name of university, and state/country of university to [Programs@zonta.org](mailto:Programs@zonta.org).

### **AMELIA EARHART POSTER**

The attached poster invites applications for the 2017 academic year from qualified women for fellowships of US\$10,000 each for graduate study in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. Please post it so that interested students may apply. The poster can also be downloaded from the Zonta International website at <http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Tools/AwardScholarshipFellowshipTools/AEPoster.pdf>.

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