The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
Academy Scholars Program, 2018-2019

The Academy Scholars Program identifies and supports outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences (including law) with a command of the language, history, or culture of non-Western countries or regions. Their scholarship may elucidate domestic, comparative, or transnational issues, past or present.

The Academy Scholars are a select community of individuals with resourcefulness, initiative, curiosity, and originality, whose work in non-Western cultures or regions shows promise as a foundation for exceptional careers in major universities or international institutions. Harvard Academy Scholarships are open only to recent PhD (or comparable professional school degree) recipients and doctoral candidates. Scholars applying by the October 1, 2017 deadline for the August 2018 postdoctoral fellowships must have completed the PhD or equivalent after September 30, 2014.

Academy Scholars are appointed for 2 years at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies and are provided time, guidance, and access to Harvard University facilities. They receive substantial financial and research assistance to undertake sustained projects of research and/or acquire accessory training in their chosen fields and areas. Some teaching is permitted but not required. The Senior Scholars, a distinguished group of senior Harvard University faculty members, act as mentors to the Academy Scholars to help them achieve their intellectual potential.

Postdoctoral Academy Scholars will receive an annual stipend of $67,000, and predoctoral Academy Scholars will receive an annual stipend of $31,000 until they are awarded the PhD or equivalent degree. The online application for the postdoctoral fellowships beginning in August 2018 is due by October 1, 2017. Finalist interviews will take place in Cambridge on December 6, 2017. Notification of Scholarships will be made in late December, 2017. For complete information on how to apply and for access to the online application, please visit: http://www.academy.wcfia.harvard.edu.