



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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Dear Student:

We write to share with you an extraordinary opportunity for travel, discovery, and challenge. The 2008 Bonderman Travel Fellowship application is now available.

David Bonderman, the donor, wishes to give students an opportunity to experience learning and growth in new and unexpected ways. Graduate students (including those in the Law and Business Schools and other graduate and professional programs) and undergraduate students in the University Honors Program (college or departmental) and in UW Tacoma's Global Honors Program are invited to apply.

Bonderman Fellows will undertake international travel for eight or more months, to six or more countries in two or more major regions of the world. Through solo travel the Fellows will focus on exploration and discovery, learning about the world and themselves in it.

Up to five graduate and five undergraduate Bonderman Fellowships will be awarded in Spring 2008. Each Fellowship carries a \$20,000 award to be used only for extended international travel. Fellows may not conduct research, pursue an academic project, or participate in a formal program or organization.

To learn more about this extraordinary opportunity, please attend an information session on one of the following dates:

- Monday, January 14th, from 2:30-4:30 in the Honors Multipurpose Room (MGH 206)
- Tuesday, January 22nd, from 10:30-12:30 in the Honors Multipurpose Room (MGH 206)

Applications are due Friday, February 15, 2008. Please see the attached guidelines and application coversheet. We look forward to talking with you about this remarkable opportunity and to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

James J. Clauss
Director
University Honors Program

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Associate Dean
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THE BONDERMAN TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDELINES

The Bonderman Travel Fellowships are created through a gift from David Bonderman, who earned his undergraduate degree in Russian from the University of Washington in 1963. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he received a Sheldon Fellowship that allowed him to travel internationally, an experience that had a profound impact on his life. Now a successful investment advisor, Mr. Bonderman provides opportunities to current UW students for similarly transformative travel experiences.

The Bonderman Travel Fellowship program offers graduate students (including those in the Law and Business Schools and other graduate and professional programs) and undergraduate students in the University Honors Program and in UW Tacoma's Global Honors Program an opportunity to engage in independent exploration and travel abroad.

Bonderman Fellowships enable students to undertake independent international travel to explore, be open to the unexpected, and come to know the world in new ways. Because Bonderman Fellowships are intended to foster independence, Fellows may not participate in a program, organization, or formal study at a foreign university. Bonderman Fellowships are intended to introduce students to cultures, peoples, and areas of the world with which they are not familiar, consequently, family heritage proposals (i.e. for travel to countries of origin) will not be considered. For similar reasons, in most cases proposals for travel in Western Europe and Australia and New Zealand will be less competitive.

In the selection of Bonderman Fellows we seek to identify students who demonstrate integrity, the capacity for vision and leadership, and potential for humane and effective participation in the global community. A candidate should demonstrate initiative, commitment, and creativity. The selection criteria are holistic and will consider the student's experience as well as curiosity and seriousness of purpose.

In your proposal please discuss why you want to undertake extended solo travel and how you think the experience will affect you. Consider what prepares you to undertake such a journey, challenges that you anticipate, and the impact your travels may have on the people and places you visit.

At the time of application, candidates must be graduate or professional students or juniors and seniors in good standing in the University Honors Program (either college or departmental) or in the UW Tacoma Global Honors Program. A committee of past Bonderman Fellows, faculty, and staff will review applications. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview, with final awards announced during Spring quarter 2008.

Each Bonderman Fellow will receive a \$20,000 award for travel. By accepting the award Fellows must commit to travel independently for eight or more months, exploring six or more countries in two or more major regions of the world. Fellows selected in this round will embark on their journeys between May 2008 and June 30, 2009. Students who propose to travel beginning later than June 2009 must apply in the 2009 round.